

KING STREET

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POLITICS AS USUAL

Saturday the Democrats get down to the business of nominating candidates for the various offices by the time-honored convention system, to oppose those the Republicans named in their first direct primary in May. The Democrats nominated their slate in the State primary once but amended the State law and returned to the method of their ancestors the next time. The strange thing about the convention system is that so many people, after all the generations of its use, fail to understand it. At least, many don't seem to gather that the precinct meeting is in fact the business end of a nominating session. The county convention is merely made up of delegates from the precincts who cast the vote as instructed for each candidate. Those who want to have a voice in the nomination of a Democratic ticket should start out by attending the precinct meetings.

AND THEN HE LOST

And speaking of politics, a lot of folks fail to make the grade, both in the primaries, the conventions and the general elections—fully half of them. Of interest in this connection is a clipping from the Readers Digest, to which our attention is called by Kenneth Clawson of Route 2. After his defeat in the Jefferson County, Tennessee, Republican primary last May, Briscoe Holt, a candidate for sheriff, ran the following advertisement in the Dandridge Banner:

THE MORNING AFTER

"I lost several weeks canvassing. I lost several acres of corn and potatoes. I gave away 2 calves and 5 goats for barbecue. I gave away 5 pairs of suspenders, 6 ladies dresses and 15 baby rattles. For prospective voters I plowed 173 acres and spread 63 loads of barnyard fertilizer. I drew 24 buckets of water, put up 14 kitchen stoves, kindled 17 fires and kissed 115 babies. I walked 6481 miles, shook hands 9874 times and talked enough to make several volumes. I lost 2 front teeth and some hair in a personal encounter with a supporter of an opponent. I attended 26 rival meetings, made love to 9 grass widows and got dog bit 39 times and FOLKS, STILL I GOT DEFEATED."

"I want to thank my 43 friends, AND THEY ARE FRIENDS, for casting their votes for me and to the rest of Jefferson County I warn you that I am now going armed with a sawed-off shotgun because a man that doesn't have any more than 43 friends in a county as big as Jefferson is definitely in need of extra protection."

THE REFORMERS

We saw in some publication, maybe The State, a reference to the smugness of those who have quit cigarettes, and when a tag is proffered tell all about the day and date they divorced Dame Nicotine. We've noted the same thing. As a matter of fact we've been guilty. . . . Sometimes before we can think, we tell of our successful fight against the cigs, rather than say to the man's who's holding out the pack, "No thank you." . . . The same thing holds true to a degree among those who were finally able to set the bottle down, after a good deal of persuasion from a set of ulcers. The fellow will invariably pass up the "thank you, no" answer and go into a round by round description of his tussle with the wine glass. Which, of course, is unpleasant and unnecessary.

THIS AND THAT

Mr. H. C. Hollifield of Blowing Rock brings in some wisteria blooms from his vine which normally carries its burden of fragrant blossoms in April. He wants to know if there's something unusual about a wisteria which repeats in midsummer. We didn't know. Occupying a back seat at church and recalling that it used to be considered bad—extremely so—to occupy the rear seat if space could be had up front. The lads who caused the disturbance and whose intentions were questionable always took the seat nearest the door.



ARTISTS who will appear at Grandfather Home Day are pictured. They are, reading from left to right, top, Saramae Eudich, Robert Rue; bottom, John McCollum and Rosalind Elias.

Grandfather Home Day Set For Aug. 8

The annual Grandfather Home Day at Ruple Memorial Presbyterian Church at Blowing Rock will take place at 11 o'clock, Sunday morning, August 8, when a group of accomplished artists will present a program of sacred music for the benefit of Grandfather Home for Children at Banner Elk.

As he has done for many years, David Owens of Charlotte, who is spending the summer at Blowing Rock, has handled arrangements for this event and will be in charge of the program. Mr. Owens describes this year's artists as stars who will make this the finest program given in the history of Grandfather Home Day. There are four young singers with excellent voices and training who have been heard several times at the Berkshire Music Festival at Tanglewood, Massachusetts. They are: Rosalind Elias, Robert Rue, John McCollum, and Saramae Eudich. Stuart Ross, a brilliant accompanist and soloist will be on the program for the thirteenth year. The sixth artist will be Miss Margaret Vance of Blowing Rock, talented organist.

Grandfather Home is operated by the Edgar Tufts Memorial Association, which is headed by the Rev. Fletcher Nelson as president. It was established in the early days of this century and has a long record of service in

behalf of orphaned children. One hundred boys and girls live at the Home.

Blowing Rock Day for the institution was begun 36 years ago and was, at first, directed by the late Dr. James I. Vance, pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Nashville, Tennessee. After his death, Mr. Owens took over the responsibility of the day and he has handled it with such success that Grandfather Home has received each year a substantial amount of money for use in its operations. Other units operated by the Edgar Tufts Memorial Association are Lees-McRae College and Grace Hospital, also at Banner Elk.

Miss Elias has studied in Rome and sung at La Scala in Milan, the San Carlo Opera House in Naples, and the May Festival in Florence. She was a winner of the Metropolitan auditions of the air and will sing at the Met in the 1954-55 season. Mr. Rue's experience includes appearances with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, the role of Nick Shadow in "The Rake's Progress" conducted by Stravinsky in Boston, and that of the Count in the Western Hemisphere premiere of Strauss' opera, "Capriccio."

Mr. McCollum received high approval of critics after his New York recital in Town Hall and

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Boy Scout Camporee Unexcelled In History Of Watauga Scouting

When six of the county's nine eligible units met at Tater Hill Lake last week, in a competitive camporee, there was marked advancement in scouting evident over the camporee held in May, according to Fred Gragg, camping committee chairman for the Watauga District. Although only two of the troops present, Boone and Blowing Rock, were in existence a year ago, the camping and scouting demonstrated at the camporee would have done credit, Mr. Gragg stated, to troops established for a much longer period. All leaders were agreed, he declared, that this camporee was unexcelled in the history of Watauga scouting.

The six units checking in on Friday were:

Boone, J. B. Robinson, scoutmaster, with 19 scouts and three leaders;

Blowing Rock with five scouts and one leader, the Rev. Tom Seitz, scoutmaster;

Green Valley, with 11 scouts and two leaders, George Moretz, acting scoutmaster;

Parkway, with 27 scouts and six leaders, Billy Cook, scoutmaster;

Perkinsville, with 17 scouts and four leaders, Fred Miller, scoutmaster;

Valle Crucis, with nine scouts and two leaders, Capt. T. G. Wheat, scoutmaster.

Camporee staff included the

following: Fred Gragg, director; Howard Cottrell, chief judge; Joe Davenport, Field Scout Executive; Bill Davis, of Raven's Knob Park staff, assistant to Scout Executive; and Joe Shackford, program director.

Judges for the competitive events were Howard Cottrell, Coy Bingham, Milton Jordan, Bill Davis, Dr. Lee Reynolds, and Fred Gragg.

The troops were judged on many phases of scouting; camp arrival, set-up, leadership, and departure; fire-building, first-aid, knot tying; conduct, participation of total registered scouts. Blue, red, and white ribbons were awarded winners of the field events for the first three places.

Overall winners of the competitive camporee were Troop 55 of Perkinsville, first place; Troop 150, Parkway, second; and Troop 109, Boone, third. Cash awards of \$5, \$3, and \$2 were given to the winning troops for the first three places. The judges stated that the competition was very close and that only seven points difference existed between the top and the bottom troops.

Highlight of the camporee was the campfire held Saturday night. A huge bonfire, laid eight feet high under the day-long supervision of Frank Triplett, was set to blazing as Buck Robbins opened the evening's activities. More than 200 people were gathered

This Week Being Observed As Farm Safety Period

By H. J. WILLIAMS

This week has been designated as Farm Safety Week. Farming is considered one of the most dangerous of all occupations with 14,500 farm residents killed, and 1,250,000 others injured each year. Fire and lightning alone destroys about \$133,000,000 worth of farm property annually.

Some ways to eliminate hazards to safety are:

1. Remove wastepaper or other material that might cause a fire.
2. Check electric wiring and appliances and make necessary repairs.
3. Keep pitchforks, rakes, shovels, and other sharp tools in racks provided for them.
4. Check machinery and add guards where dangerous gears are exposed.
5. Clear the yard and fields of broken glass, loose strands of barbed wire, nail-studded boards, and other litter that might cause accidents.
6. Repair broken steps, bridges, gates, etc.
7. Check for faulty flues or chimneys.
8. Ground metal-roofed buildings to prevent losses due to lightning.
9. Think safety in your daily work. Many accidents can be prevented in this manner.

Dr. Spence To Speak To Lions

Speaker for the Boone Lions Club August 3 will be Dr. Hersey E. Spence, emeritus professor of Religious Education at Duke University, and summer pastor of the Blowing Rock Methodist Church, is announced this week by Lions club program chairman, Joseph T. Shackford.

Dr. Spence will speak on the trip which he and Mrs. Spence took to Palestine last fall. Mrs. Spence, who accompanied Dr. Spence on the trip, has been professor of Bible at the Woman's College of Duke University for many years. Both Dr. and Mrs. Spence were retired at the close of the academic year of 1953.

The Lions club meeting at which Dr. Spence will speak will be held at the Daniel Boone Hotel at 7:30 p. m.

The United States swine industry, in recognition of a continuing problem of surplus fat and an increasing demand of shopping housewives for leaner pork, has launched a field research program to develop methods for identifying superior swine breeding stock.

around the fire. They included 85 visitors, 88 scouts, and 30 adult scout leaders. Songs were led by Joe Davenport; skits were presented by each troop; a tall tale was spoken by Richard Chase; a time of devotion was held by Joe Shackford. Howard Cottrell spoke words of encouragement and appreciation to parents. Camporee leaders were recognized.

And then suddenly, as the fire had settled down to a steady red glow, sending bright sparks high into the air, four Indians in full war paint, strode up to the camp fire. The sound of drums was heard, and other Indians in war paint appeared.

First the bear dance, then the beaver dance, then the friendship dance—all taken from dances of the Cherokee Indians, were given, to the delight of children, scouts, and adults, as the Perkinsville Troop showed forth their careful preparations of two months to bring this colorful presentation to the district camporee. By common consent, this skilled and brightly colored event was the highlight of the camporee during the many fine activities of the three-day action-packed event.

The closing religious service on Sunday was led by the Rev. L. H. Hollingsworth. Awards were made by Howard Cottrell and Joe Davenport.

Farm Loan Association Holds Stockholders Meeting In City

49 Events Scheduled At Horse Show

Blowing Rock.—Blowing Rock's 31st annual horse show, set for August 6, 7, 8, will offer 49 events in four performances this year, three events more than in previous years. The chief addition is the fine harness horse championship stake, scheduled as the first event Sunday afternoon.

Preliminary events are booked Friday afternoon, morning and afternoon events Saturday and the 12 championship classes Sunday afternoon. As usual, manager Lloyd Tate has booked events for children, teen-agers, older amateurs, and the best horses and riders making the summer professional circuit. Broyhill Park's picturesque open jumping course always attracts the best hunters in this section of the nation, and this year is no

exception. Walking horses, three-gaited and five-gaited champions are entered to assure good competition in these featured classes.

Although Blowing Rock's motel and cottage facilities have been increasing steadily, and both Mayview Manor and Green Park hotels are wide open, reservations indicate a week end with every available bed taken. The 119 boxes, each seating six, are sold. The grandstand will seat another 2500, and the hard-boot horse kibitzers will sit in their accustomed hillocks on the hill-sides.

Social functions remain the same, except that the Friday evening exhibitor party is booked at Mayview Manor this year, as well as the annual horse show breakfast Saturday noon and the Ball Saturday night.

Clothing Closet To Bring Aid To Needy

The Clothing Closet, which is located over the Boone Drug Company and is a project of the Junior Woman's Club, is open every Saturday morning from 9:30 until 11:30 for the purpose of distributing clothes to the needy.

Any person or family needing clothing may obtain a request blank from the local welfare department or if a student, through his local school.

Many articles of usable clothing have been donated to the closet this year. However, the committee would like to remind anyone having used clothes they

would like to donate to call Mrs. W. C. Richardson or contact any member of the Junior Woman's Club.

The committee would like especially to urge any children needing clothing for school this fall, to come in now while the supply of clothes is more plentiful.

The committee for the Clothing Closet consists of the following: Mrs. Richardson, chairman; Mrs. Robert Congleton, Mrs. Nick Erneston, Mrs. Jerry Coe, Mrs. Joe Williams and Mrs. Sylvia Hartzog.

Educational Leaders Invited To Gathering

Invitations have gone out from Appalachian State Teachers College to the superintendents of county and city school systems and chairmen of the boards of education in a number of western and Piedmont North Carolina counties to attend the work-conference of the North Carolina School Board Association at Boone on August 20 and 21.

These conferences are planned for the purpose of bringing re-

sponsible leadership in public education at all levels together for a discussion of problems of organization, administration, and operation of the public schools of the state.

The meetings have been planned and the programs arranged by B. J. Ramsaur of Lincolnton, president of the North Carolina State Board Association, and Dr. Guy B. Phillips of Chapel Hill, the secretary-treasurer of the Association.

Clinic Schedule Is Released Here

Dr. Mary Michal, of the District Health Department, makes the following announcement as to the schedule of clinics held in Boone:

Mondays 8:30 to 11:30 a. m.—General diagnostic clinic for all ages. Immunizations are given at this time. Dr. Michal in charge.

Persons applying for a health certificate are urged to come in at 8:30 a. m. or 1:30 p. m. on Mondays.

Mother and Infant Clinic—2nd and 4th Wednesdays, 1:00 to 3:00 p. m.

This clinic is held for all expectant mothers and babies not under the care of a physician. All pre-school age children not under the care of a physician are also invited to attend. This is a well-baby clinic and not for children who are acutely ill.

Dr. Hadley M. Wilson is the doctor in charge.

John Wilson Dies At Age 87 Years

John Wilson of Zionville died on July 20 at the age of 87 years. Burial was in the Pleasant Grove cemetery with services held at the Pleasant Grove church. The minister in charge was Rev. E. O. Gore, with Rev. R. C. Eggers assisting.

The survivors are the widow, Mrs. Susie Wilson, and three sons, I. B. Wilson and Lloyd Martin Wilson of Zionville, and Wallace Wilson of Cincinnati, Ohio.



GLENN R. ANDREWS

Andrews Re-elected President Of Local Merchants' Group

Glenn R. Andrews, Chevrolet dealer of Boone, was re-elected president of the Boone Merchants Association at a meeting of the board of directors held Thursday, July 22.

Cecil Miller was elected vice-president, and Stanley Harris was re-elected manager.

Mr. Andrews is also chairman of the industrial committee of the Northwest North Carolina Development Association, a director of the Boone Rotary Club, and active in Chamber of Commerce work.

In other business taken up at the meeting, a committee was appointed to work out the association's program for the coming year. The committee includes Clyde R. Greene, chairman, W. W. Chester, and Cecil Miller.

It was agreed to conduct a vigorous trade-at-home campaign, and to urge all Boone merchants to avail themselves of credit information forms to be supplied by the association, and to have customers fill out these forms when seeking credit.

A committee to nominate operating committees for the year was appointed, consisting of Ira Ayers, O. K. Richardson, and Estel Wagner.

J. C. Goodnight was elected to the board of directors, filling a vacancy created by the fact that Clyde R. Greene, elected the state association representative, is automatically a member of the board.

Grain sorghum, or Milo, is a good drought-resistant summer feed crop and is often used in North Carolina as a cash crop following failure of early seeded crops.

State Budget Group In Visit To Appalachian

The Advisory Budget Commission of the North Carolina Budget Bureau were week end visitors on the campus of Appalachian State Teachers College.

Those who made up the personnel of the group included the following: J. K. Doughton of Strat-

Land Bank Prexy Brings Message To Big Session

More than 200 members of the Boone National Farm Loan Association from seven counties attended the association's 37th annual stockholders' meeting Saturday, July 24, in the courthouse, and heard an address by Julian H. Scarborough, president of the Federal Land Bank of Columbia.

The association, a local farmer owned and operated credit organization affiliated with the Federal Land Bank, comprises the counties of Alleghany, Ashe, Avery, Caldwell, Mitchell, Watauga, and Wilkes.

President S. C. Eggers opened the meeting and introduced T. E. Haigler, regional manager of the Federal Land Bank, who discussed the financial report, copies of which had been distributed to those present. The minutes of the 1953 meeting were read and approved.

Taking as his subject "The Miracle of America," Mr. Scarborough said the National Farm Loan Association, which reaches from coast to coast, represents one of the greatest success stories in the history of the United States. After borrowing money from the federal government 37 years ago to get started, more than 300,000 farmers of America, working together, have devised a system whereby the farmer can work out his credit needs within his own organization, and now own over 331 million dollars in twelve Federal Land Banks throughout the country.

Farmers have traveled a "rocky road," he said, to get where they are today, but through their efforts, the National Farm Loan Association and the Federal Land Bank are now joined together in one of the greatest farm credit institutions ever known.

The Federal Land Bank, he said, is one of the first organizations to give long term credit to farmers, and is one of the few institutions which have paid back money borrowed from the government to get started.

The quiz program, a popular feature of the annual meeting, was conducted by Mr. Haigler, with 75 silver dollars being awarded to those holding the lucky tickets.

A silver dollar was also awarded to the man with the balded head, to the oldest person present, the youngest, and the person who had traveled the farthest distance to attend the meeting.

Blue Ridge Parkway Visitors Increased

Combined attendance for the Blue Ridge Parkway and the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, which converge in North Carolina, was 1,073,448 more during the first six months of 1954 than for the same period last year.

National Park Service figures show that the two attractions were visited by 2,457,763 people between January 1 and June 30 this year. Of these, 1,652,512 were reported for the Parkway and 805,251 for the Smokies Park. Parkway attendance was 110,421 greater than for the first half of 1953, while Great Smokies attendance declined 3,073.

Wright Brothers National Memorial, on the North Carolina Coast, was visited by 56,800 people during the first six months of 1954. This was only 2,854 less

ford, chairman of the appropriations committee in the North Carolina House of Representatives; John D. Larkin, Jr., of Trenton, chairman of the appropriations committee in the Senate; William B. Rodman of Washington, chairman of the finance committee in the House; Claude Currie of Durham, chairman of the finance committee in the Senate; Leroy Martin of Raleigh and Alonzo Edwards of Hookerton, appointed by the Governor; D. S. Coltrane, director of the Budget Bureau; L. D. Moore and F. B. Turner, also of the Budget Bureau; and Lynn Nesbit, columnist for a group of North Carolina newspapers.

The Commission was on the biennial tour of inspection of Appalachian State Teachers College. They spent Saturday night in Boone and attended the outdoor drama, "Horn in the West." On Sunday morning they went to Alleghany County where they spent the day at the home of Mr. Doughton, one of their members, returning to Boone on Sunday evening. Their official visit to Appalachian on Monday morning included an inspection of the buildings and grounds and a study of the operation of the college.

Japan is expected to have first jet squadron next spring.