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FOURTEEN PAGES-TWO SECTIONS



ESSAY WINNERS.—Lenney Glenn, center, was first place winner in a contest sponsored by the Boone funior Chamber of Commerce during Fire Prevent ion week. Carole Lawrence, 11th grade student at Bethel High School, placed third, and Sheila Gilleyas enior at Appalachian High School, was second. Len-

Winners Are Announced In Jaycee Dave P. Mast, Phil H. Mast, House Fire Prevention Week Essay Contest

say contest on fire prevention in three students. Cash prizes were the four high schools of the county. furnished by the sponsoring group expeditions, to refining steel in First place winner was Lenny

Second place was awarded to ian High school; and third place wen to Carole Lawrence, eleventh

ted for judging essays written by the services of fire range from proand Watauga Fire Insurance Agen- our nation's huge refineries. Glenn, a junior at Bethel High cy and Coe Insurance Agency of

Lenny Glenn wrote on "Why Sheila Gilley, senior at Appalach- Fire Prevention Is Important," and his paper read as follows:

Nature has endowed mankind with an indispensable servant-

Yet, few of us realize that this meek and humble servant must be kept under constant control and vigilance, lest it grow into an unruly and destructive enemy to our nation's welfare.

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Kentuckian Held For **Bold Daytime Robbery**

driving a stolen car held up and robbed at gun point a service station about four miles east of Boone Tuesday morning, and some three hours later was in Watauga County jail Charged with

State Highway Patrol said James operated by Mrs. Alma Gwyn the United organization. and Mr. Gwyn at about 9 a. m. and got gas for the car he was lowed Mrs. Gwyn, who was alone at the station, into the building, to estimate how complete the their team captains. apparently to pay for the gas, but produced a .45 automatic pistol, cooped up the money in the cash

nspector M. E. Yancey of the state theft bureau, Watauga Counfound on his person when arrested, said Corporal Jones.

According to his own statement Young is on Federal probation since August 15 for a May 13 auto theft, and has a previous record

He left Fort Bragg about 2 a. m. uesday, said the statements, in ber 15. car belonging to another soldier,

oward Valle Crucis, when he lost

caught a ride back to Boone and Cook put officers on his trail after they had traced his movements to that point.

The Press is called the key

United Fund Within \$4,060 Of Set Goal

reached 72% of its goal, a total of sent, but that indications are that \$10,150 having been raised out of the remaining; \$3910 is in reach Foster Young of Bonnyman, Ky., the \$14,060 set as the objective in and will probably be raised. stopped at Longvue Service Sta- the first county-wide operation of Final reports and compilations

The figures were released at the and got gas for the car he was week end by Hugh Hagaman, driving, a 1956 Chevrolet. He foltee, who said that it is impossible assignments and make reports to

will continue into next week, if necessary, but campaign workers are again urged to complete their

scooped up the money in the cash register, raced to the car and Initial Plans Made He was apprehended about noon at the Hemlock Motel in Blowing Rock by Sgt. Frank Ken-

Boone Merchants Association met an even closer relationship for the the highway.

The died also benefit of all.

He died also benefit of all. Gragg of Blowing Rock, after minary plans for an intensified wrecking the car on the Valle trade-at-home, sell-at-home cam-Crucis road, hitching a ride to paign aimed at promoting Boone Boone, and taking a taxi to Blow- as the best tobacco market and Christmas shopping center for the people of Watauga County.

Joe L. Coleman of the R. C. Coleman firm, operators of the Boone burley tobacco market, announced that the market will open for the sale of tobacco the last week in November, the exact date not having been set, and that Boone warehouses will be open to receive the leaf beginning Novem-

Citing figures showing that 50 Avon P. Bottom, and proceeded to his area by way of Greensboro. his area by way of Greenshoro.
Following the robbery, he drown has come from other counties and hrough Boone and turned into neighboring states, and that appeared in the counties and the counties and the counties and the counties are controlled. proximately 25 per cent of the to-bacco grown in Watauga is sold on other markets, Coleman said the main problem is to get at least 90 to 95 per cent of Watauga-grown burley on Boone warehouse floors -up to 100 per cent, if such is

increased personal contact between | ing set for next Monday, at which | name as heretofore.

In discussing the outlook for the coming selling season, he said that although acreages have been cut again. Watauga County burley 25, at the Mount Lebanan Baptist

Coleman pointed out that Boone was the only market in this area with an entire day's sale averaging over \$60 per hundred last year. One day's average was \$60.17, he Patsy Dyer and Carolyn Dyer, all

"It will be to the best interests of the entire county," he concluded, "if Watauga farmers will sell their tobacco on their home market and trade in their home

Eight Thousand Watauga Voters May Cast Ballots

T. C. Baird Succumbs On Friday

minent resident of Valle Cr and former member of the Board of County Commissioners, died suddenly at the home Friday af-

Funeral services were conduct ed at the Valle Crucis Methodist Church Sunday afternoon by the pastor, Rev. Mr. White; Rev. Mr. Winters, Rector Holy Cross Epis copal Church and Rev. E. H. Lowman, pastor of the Boone Metho dist Church, Burial was in the Baird family cemetery.

ton Mast, Frank Mast, Clint Baird, Ray Farthing, Ralph Phillips, Henry Taylor, and Frank Taylor. Honorary pallbearers: Dr. B. B.

Dougherty, Dr. D. J. Whitener, Dr. Charles Davant, Hugh Alexan der, Chapell Wilson, Messrs Dan Mast, W. E. Shipley, R. T. Greer, Grady Greer, Austin South, C. A. Church, B. W. Farthing, R. A. Farthing, Custer Baird, James Mast, Dee Shoemake, George Wilson, Arlie Walsh, H. W. Mast, Jr., H. C. Menzies, Jr., and Tom Tay-

Survivors include the widow one son, Frank of the home, and one daughter, Miss Wilma Baird of Gastonia. There are four sisters: Mrs. J. M. Shulf, Mrs. W. W. Mast, Valle Crucis; Mrs. J. B. Horton, Riva, Md.; Mrs. Lula B. Moore, Lenoir. Mr. Baird was born at Valle

Crucis February 14, 1880, a son of the late@Sheriff David Franklin Baird and Elizabeth Wagner Baird. He was married November 1, 1903 to Miss Emma Lenoir Mast Mr. Baird has been prominent

in the public life of Watauga county. He was a member of the Board of County Commissioners for three terms, having been elected in 1926, 1928 and 1930. In 1932 he was a candidate for Sheriff of Watauga county on the Democralic ticket, and was elected. However he declined to take the oath

He had been engaged in farming activities throughout most of his life, and had largely retired

James Dver, 18, Dies In Crash

Franklin James Dyer, 18, of his auto went out of control and The board of directors of the merchants and farmers to promote struck a large rock by the side of

> day in the Blowing Rock Hospital. Funeral services were conducted at 2 p. m. Thursday, October looks good, and excellent yields are church by the Rev. Carlton Cox and the Rev. Lawrence Hagaman. He is survived by his mother, Mrs. Charlsie Dyer of Boone; a brother, Ernest, of Boone; and three sisters, Mrs. James Phillips. one, and Mae Dyer of Elk Park.

> > World Bank head Eugene Black appeals for more capital export. Farmers have received \$68,501,

New Horn Officers To Be Chosen Monday

Coleman said he has noted a met Monday and named a commit- Horn in the West will again be marked improvement in the unity of town and county during the past seven years that he has been traveling over the area, and advocated committee will report at a meet-will be conducted under the same

New River-Raymond Jones, J.

Stony Fork—C. D. Payne. Watauga—Marl Aldridge, Martin

SAMPLE BALLOT

OFFICIAL BALLOT FOR STATE SENATOR. REPRESENTATIVE AND COUNTY OFFICERS WATAUGA COUNTY

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTER

- 1. To vote a straight party ticket, make a cross (X) mark in the circle of the party you desire to vote for.
- 2. To vote a split ticket, or in other words for candidates of different parties, omit making a cross mark (X) in the party circle at the top of the ballot and mark in the voting square opposite the name of each candidate on the ballot for whom you wish to vote.
- 3. If you should mark in the party circle at the top of the ballot and also mark opposite the name of any candidate of any party, such ballot shall be counted as a straight party vote for all of the candidates of the party whose name the cross mark (X) is placed in the party circle.

DEMOCRATIC MARK WITHIN THIS CIRCLE MARK WITHIN THIS CIRCLE For State Senate 29th Senatorial District For State Senate TODD H. GENTRY For House of Representatives CHAPPEL WILSON For House of Representatives S. C. EGGERS For Register of Deeds MISS HELEN UNDERDOWN For Register of Deeds CLAUD GARLAND

JOE J. MILLER For County Commiss FRED HATLEY BYNUM GREENE

CLINT LEWIS

Chairman Watauga County Board of Elections

COUNTY TICKET.-Above is sample of the county ballot which will be used in the election Tuesday Sample State and Presidential ballots will be found on page eight.

Cable Named Head Of ASC; Other Leaders Are Chosen

man of the Watauga County ASC held Thursday. Commitee, at a meeting of dele-

W. R. VINES

For County Commis

GEORGE A. WILSON

ARLIE P. WALSH

J. D. SHOEMAKE

Election November 6, 1956.

gates from thirteen of the four-**Jurors Drawn**

The November civil term of Watauga Superior Court will convene with Judge J. Will Pless of Marion presiding.

For Civil Term

Seven cases, including three divorce actions, are scheduled to come up for trial, according to Clerk Austin E. South.

The Jurors Following are the names of

for jury duty Bald Mountain-Estel Norris Nate Phillips. Beaver Dam-George Roark,

Sanford Creed. Blue Ridge—Vance Cook. Blowing Rock—Jerry Coffey, John L. Keller, John W. Craig. Boone-William B. Norris, Will

Brushy Fork -- D. L. Glens Frank Billings. Cove Creek - James T. Mast

Marvin Norris, Marvin Combs. Elk—Virgil Greer, Ralph Hayes Laurel Creek—Spencer Fletcher, Garnet Harmon, Arlis B. Glenn, Meat Camp—Thomas B. Hayes, Conley Church, Jesse E. Brown.

ehaw - William Townnd, William H. Cook, Forest

Vaughn Tugman was elected Cove Creek-Jack Henson, John

Election Results tee election held October 23 in the fourteen communities of Watauga county the following persons were elected as chairman and delegate, vice chairman and alternate dele

Bald Mountain-James E. Lewis Paul Stephens, Lester Moretz, Wallace, Howard Thomas, Lloyd Clyde Jackson, and James T. Stan-Miller and Archie Wilson.

gate, regular member, first and

alternates in the order

second

Beaver Dam-Lynn B. Norris, Howard Cable, Linville Norris, Joe Wilson, and Lloyd Dishman. Greene and Catvin Shore. Blue Ridge Joe Hayes, G. J.

Keller, Hugh Hampton, Gordon Walls, and Tom Ward.
Day and Hammond Hampton.
The Committeemen Day and Hammond Hampton.

Brushy Fork—Willie Cole, Joe their duties of office November 1.

bury and Clay Greene.

vice-chairman; Cline Eggers, re- K. Perry, J. M. Burkett and Audie ty offices.

gular member; A. C. Moretz, first Presnell.

alternate; Collis Austin, second Elk—Doc Cox, Sherman Green.

Dick Rhymer.

Forrest A. Greene. Laurel Creek-Ned Glenn, Robert Hagaman, Wilborn Rominger, Clyde Love and Wilson Hodges.

North Fork-C. R. Wilson, Jack

Miller and Archie Wilson.

Will Byrd and Ira Townsend. Stony Fork-Howard Fairchild, Blowing Rock—Eugene Lentz, Joe Coffey, Sr., Scott Moretz, A. C. Frank Craig, W. W. Austin, Collis Moretz and Lawrence Greene. Watauga-Henry Taylor, Dave

Fountain, Alexander To Speak At Rally

principal speaker at a Democratic rally to be held at the courthouse Friday evening at 7:30.

Hon. L. H. Founiain, member of Democratic Club and a full at-the House of Representatives from the second district will be the John H. Councill is club chair-

The rally is being held under district representative Hugh Alex-

Quiet Campaign Approaches End; The Nominees

A more or less listless county political campaign is drawing to a close, but it is supposed that seventy-five hundred or more ballots will be cast in Watauga county

There has been little fanfare in the campaign. The Young Democratic Club has sponsored a round of townships gatherings for the closing days of the campaign, a barbecue was held, and a county-wide rally at the courthouse Friday evening will wind up their campaign when Representative Alexander and Representative Fountain will speak.

On the Republican side there has been little public speaking and no announcement has been made of a rally for the week end.

Both parties are maintaining headquarters and the absence of a lot of speaking doesn't mean that routine organization work is not being carried on actively in both

It is predicted that the usual rather heavy vote will be cast in the county.

It is interesting to note that in 1954, 7,038 votes were tallied in the race for the General Assembly, in which Representative Barnes won by 168 votes. In 1952, a Presidential year, W. L. Winkler won over Clyde Perry by 174 in a vote of 8,102. At the same time 8,027 votes were cast for candidates for President. Eisenhower received 4,527 of these for a thumping

fead of 1,027 over Adlai Stevenson Whether or not as many voters will turn out this year as in 1952

is a matter of conjecture. Normally interest in the county

The Sheriff and the Clerk of the Court were elected for four year terms in 1954 and do not come up this year. The other candidates for county office are as follows, the Democratic candidate being named first in each instance:

State Senate: Todd H. Gentry. No Republican candidate. House of Representatives: Chap

pel Wilson, S. C. Eggers.
Register of Deeds: Miss Helen Underdown, Claud Garland. Surveyor: W. R. Vines, Joe J

Walsh, George A. Wilson, J. D. Shoemake, Democrats; Fred Hatley, Bynum Greene, Clint Lewis,

Democrats now occupy all cour

Arthur Wheeler, Albert Greer and Next Edition Meat Camp-Walter Coffey, Earl Moretz, Burl J. Greene and May Be Late

Since the Democrat is normally made up Tuesday afternoon and printed early Wednesday morning Lloyd Moretz, John Cook, Bern blem in covering the election news.

Since reports of the county vo ing are often delayed, and final results often not known until Wed-Shawneehaw—Clyde J. Eggers, nesday morning, the paper may be Howell Cook, Marshall Farthing, late next week, in order to pronesday morning, the paper may be vide coverage.

Every effort will be made to publish on time, but if the first mails are missed, the election story will be to blame.

Farm assets in the United States

rose 2 per cent in 1955 to a record high of \$170.1 billion, according to the Federal Reserve Board. Farm assets include financial assets, au-tomobiles and household furnish-ings owned by farmers, as well as all the assets used directly in farm production, such as farm land and buildings, livestock, tractors, motor trucks, farm \$18.1 billion, up \$1.1 billion from Jan. 1, 1955.

The 1956 Nobel Prize for med Accompanying Representative cine was won by two Columbia University professors and a Westing program honors will be ninth district representative Hugh Alexander.