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Greene Is Named Chairman Of GOP County Committee

Clyde R. Greene was re-elected chairman of the Republican Executive Committee at the county convention held here Saturday.

Other officers named included Mrs. Ralph G. Greene, vice-



CLYDE R. GREENE

chairman; O. L. Coffey, secretary; J. E. Holshouser, finance chairman; and Phil Vance, treasurer.

Twenty-four delegates were named to the Congressional convention in Taylorsville February 24, and to the State convention in Durham March 3.

Following are the chairmen of the townships committees in 13 of 16 townships making reports.

Bald Mountain, Leslie E. Norris.

Beaver Dam, Gardner Matheson.

Blue Ridge, Kermit Storie.

Blowing Rock, Ray Holder.

Brushy Fork, Claud Minton.

Boohe, Armfield Coffey.

Candidates File For Offices

Mr. Clint Lewis, prominent resident of Meat Camp township, has filed his candidacy for Sheriff of Watauga county, subject to the Republican convention in May, according to R. T. Greer, chairman of the Watauga County Board of Elections.

Gordon H. Winkler, State Senator, and former Representative and Mayor, has filed for the House of Representatives, in the Democratic primary.

Representative Murray Coffey of Shulls Mills filed his candidacy Monday afternoon for the Republican nomination for the Legislature, subject to the action of the voters in the May primary.

Cove Creek, Isaac Lewis. Elk, Ralph Hayes. Laurel Creek, Charles Mast. Meat Camp, Russell Greene. New River, J. D. Cooke. Stony Fork, Hooper Greene. Watauga, Stanford Coffey.

The convention which was said to have drawn the largest number of people of any spring convention the party has held, adopted resolutions expressing regret at the death of two former county chairmen, W. H. Gragg and Russell D. Hodges. Resolutions were passed also in connection with the death of Kenneth B. Linney, former member of the City Council; Fred Hatley of Shulls Mills; and R. M. Ward of Sugar Grove, former county commissioners.

The convention voted thanks to B. H. Watson, county chairman during the last campaign.

Grady Moretz Is Jaycee's Man Of Year



D. GRADY MORETZ, JR.

D. Grady Moretz, Jr., was awarded the Junior Chamber of Commerce distinguished service award at a meeting of the organization held Tuesday evening.

The award is made annually to what is considered the outstanding man of the county, who has contributed most to the community welfare and betterment, participating in all-around community activities and civic enterprises, and who has made the most lasting contribution to community welfare.

In presenting the award Mr. (Continued on page two)



HONORED—M. L. Shepherd, left, is shown receiving a Performance Award during an ASCS meeting in Asheville last week. Others in picture are A. P. Hassell, making the award, State ASCS executive secretary, and Melvin Campbell, Ashe county office manager of ASCS. Mr. Shepherd retired from the Watauga office February 1, after serving since 1946. The award was given "For the outstanding performance of duties. Mr. Shepherd has given loyal and dedicated service to the organization and to the farmers of Watauga county. This outstanding performance has resulted in excellent administration of ASCS programs and a good understanding and cooperation from all farmers in the county."

Boone's New Bowling Lanes Will Be Opened Saturday

Boone's handsome and well appointed new Bowling Center makes its debut Saturday when the Skyline Lanes on the Blowing Rock Road opens for business.

Some 30 million Americans tried the pastime last year, and it's a safe bet the figures will be swelled by a few thousands when bowlers and would-be-bowlers herabouts discover the delights of the new attraction in Boone.

Local bowlers will especially find the new electronic equipment fascinating as they watch it "think" through the process of automatically setting pins and keeping the strike area clear of fallen pins, etc. They will be impressed with the beauty of the new center, with its comfortable spectator section arranged at a vantage

point for best viewing, with the colorful draperies that lend an air of elegance and charm, and with its remarkable lighting arrangement that lends full en-

joyment to viewing and to participating in the game.

The game of bowling seems almost universal in its appeal, (Continued on page two)

Band's New Uniforms To Be Worn Tonight

The Appalachian High School Band will give their first performance tonight (Thurs.) in their new uniforms. The concert will be staged in the Appalachian Elementary School auditorium at 8:00 o'clock.

George W. Kirsten, Jr., director, says everyone is extended a cordial invitation to the concert and the band members in their new blue and gray uniforms, which were bought with money raised last year in a special uniforms campaign.

"Not only will you see a very fine and attractive group," Director Kirsten said, "but you will hear a well trained group of young people playing some of the most famous music written for band. The program is designed to fit the tastes of all with marches, modern, light opera and fine concert music included."

The program includes:

March Colossus of Columbia by Alexander.

Hollywood Serenade by Davis.

Beguine for Flutes by Oserling, featuring the flute section of the band, composed of Carolyn Hoover, Eva Danay Erneston, Elizabeth Bartlett, Betsy Isley, Ala Sue McGuire, Elaine Barnett, Gail Wilson, Cassandra Pritchett and Mackie Hagaman.

The Music Man by Willson.

Toccata by Frescobaldi.

Student Prince by Romberk.

Second Suite for Military Band by Holst.

Dixie arr. by Carroll.

Madame Favart by Offenbach.

Drumbeat Jamboree by Paul Yoder, a drum solo featuring Jim Agle, who is president of the band and drum section leader.

A bass solo, King Myda, featuring Barney Barnett, section leader of the basses.

March Klaxon by Fillmore.

RESEARCHES BOONE

U. S. Information Sends Man Here

Agent Lauds Cooperation Local People

A representative of the United State Information Agency, which is headed by Edward R. Murrow, has been in Boone, gathering information on the progress of Boone and Watauga county, which is scheduled to be used in an exhibit, which may be circulated through Latin America, in an effort to get across the benefits which have accrued in this section by free people acting cooperatively.

Mr. Robert E. Miller of Washington, D. C., was delighted with the assistance he was tendered here during his three-day stay, and expressed his pleasure in a letter addressed to Mr. and Mrs. Rob Rivers, editors of the Watauga Democrat:

He says:

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Rivers,

During the last three days, I have been in your community gathering research and visual material on Watauga county progress. It has been a delightful experience and I've found excellent material which will be used in an exhibit (tentative) on Community Development and progress. This exhibit, scheduled for completion (Continued on page two)

Measurement Date Is Set

The final date for filing for pre-measurement for burley tobacco allotted acreage is March 15, it was announced this week by Roy Isley, office manager of

Unofficial returns of the burley tobacco marketing quotas in the county were: 1586 for quotas the next three years and 1 against, according to figures released by Roy Isley, of the ASCS office.

the local Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation office.

The cost of this service, he said, is \$8.00 per farm and must be borne by the producer. Applications must be filed at the ASCS office where further information for this service is available.



I. T. JOHNSTON

Ira Johnston Runs For Senate

Jefferson—Former State Rep. Ira T. Johnston, a Democrat of Jefferson, announced last week he would run for the state Senate seat of the 29th District.

The district is composed of Ashe, Alleghany and Watauga counties.

Johnston, a 69-year-old attorney, was Ashe's representative in the 1931 and 1939 sessions of the General Assembly.

A native of Ashe, Johnston was a school teacher and head of a Pasquotank County school before returning to his native county to practice law. He worked as a teacher to help pay for his law studies.

He was a leader in school legislation in the 1931 legislative session and was chairman of the education committee of the session of 1939 which enacted the bill which set up the state's first permanent organizational machinery for public schools. (Continued on page two)

Mrs. Oates Takes Life; Rites Today

Mrs. Floy Cottrell Oates, 45 years old, of Boone, shot herself fatally Monday morning, according to Coroner Richard E. Kelley, who termed the tragedy a "clear cut case of suicide." No inquest will be held.

Mrs. Oates had left a suicide note in her room at the home of her brother Mr. Howard Cottrell, where she had recently resided, indicating her purpose to take her life. The note was found at 12:30 when Mr. Cottrell came from work. Officers were informed and the body was found at about 5 o'clock p. m. after more than 50 men, including officers, members of the Boone Rescue Squad and others had taken part in a search for her.

The body was found in Mrs. Oates' car on the parking lot of a local physician. Death had resulted from a bullet wound in the head inflicted by a .38 calibre revolver.

Mrs. Oates was a member of a pioneer Boone family, a daughter of the late D. Jones Cottrell, Boone merchant and former Mayor, and Mrs. Texie Edmisten Cottrell. She was a granddaughter of Calvin Cottrell, Confederate veteran who was seriously wounded in the fighting at Shiloh. She was the first beauty pageant winner in this community, and lived in King's Mountain for many years, where she was employed in a news capacity by the Kings Mountain Herald. She returned to Boone three years ago due to the illness of her mother and (Continued on page two)

Space Flight Succeeds

John Glenn, this country's first man in orbit, was rescued from the sea off the Bahamas at three o'clock Tuesday, after his history-making whirl around the earth. Traveling at a speed of 17,540 miles per hour, this country's first astronaut circled the earth three times, before his capsule was fished from the sea. Aboard the rescue ship Glenn was quoted as saying, "I never felt better."



DRESSED UP—Appalachian High School Band members are, left to right, front row: George W. Kirsten, Jr., director, Paul Bagley, Ralph Beshears, Jerry Bumbaugh, Jeanette Wagner, Elaine Barnett, Linda Smith, Mary Hartley, Gail Wilson, Patty Sue Spencer, Mackie Hagaman, Barbara Smith, Pat Flowers,

Judy Wilson; second row: Joe Todd, Kathy Kelley, Carole Lee Critcher, Barbara Yoder, Barbara Mast, Pam Hamy, Gwyn Michael, Alice McCartney, Elizabeth Hayworth, Ala Sue McGuire, Carolyn Masters, Marsha Parker, Betty Idol, Janie

Price, Betsy Isley, Carolyn Hoover; third row: Robert Breder, Ronnie Smith, William High, Graydon Eggers, Johnny Parker, Jim Agle, David Dougherty, Bill Bingham, Judy Rayfield, Jane Buckland, Kathryn Mast, Eva Danay Erneston, Cassandra

Pritchett, Elizabeth Bartlett; fourth row: Barney Barnett, Curtis Richardson, Chuck Blanton, Tommy Taylor, Tommy Creed, Andy Stallings, James Bingham, Ben Miller, Wade Coffey, Richard Brown.—Photo Flowers Photo Shop.