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NEW TOWN HALL WHICH OPENS TODAY

Two Will Seek Ninth District G. O. P. Honors

TAYLORSVILLE.—The Ninth Congressional District Republican convention last week named as its chairman a woman, the first time in history the GOP group has given the chairmanship to a woman.

Mrs. Water Zachary of Yadkinville, a resident of one of two new counties welcomed to the convention, took over the reigns of the district party.

The convention named as its vice chairman H. I. Hendrix of Davie county, the other county attached to the Ninth District by the 1961 General Assembly when it reshaped district borders.

The convention did not offer nominations for congressional candidates from the floor, but took note that two persons had already announced they would seek the GOP nomination. The nomination will be decided in a district primary, the fifth held in the area in the past 45 years.

James T. Broyhill, a furniture executive from Lenoir, has filed as a candidate. China



JAMES T. BROYHILL, Lenoir furniture executive, one of the Republican candidates for Congress in the ninth district, subject to the May primary.

New City Hall Is Occupied Thursday

Temporary quarters for the city's offices will be opened Thursday morning in the refurbished building formerly used by the Sinclair Oil Co. on West King next door to Newton's Department Store, it was learned Tuesday.

The old structure on Depot Street, which had housed the city hall business for many years probably will be sold.

Mayor Brown Tells YDC Of Party Reorganization

The Watauga County Young Democrats Club met Monday evening in the courthouse and had a large attendance.

President James Dugger recognized Richard Farris, president of the ASTC Young Democrats Club, who told of the campus club's membership drive and activities.

Wade E. Brown, mayor of Boone, gave a talk on the reorganization of the North Carolina Democratic party as set forth by the North Carolina Executive Committee. Mr. Brown and Mrs. R. C. Rivers are members of that committee from this county.

Mr. Dugger announced the meeting time of the Young Democrats has been changed and effective for the next meeting, March 26, the time will be 8:00 p. m., at the courthouse. Plans for future meetings, for the spring and summer, will be discussed on that date.

Brendon Dail of Patterson, president of the Caldwell County YDC, has invited the Watauga YDC to attend a free barbecue at the American Legion Hall in Lenoir March 17. The barbecue will be served from 6:00 to 7:30 o'clock.

According to the invitation there will be a speaking after the dinner. Bet Bennett, State chairman of the State Executive Committee, Hon. Sam J. Ervin,

It is said. The new building will contain adequate office space for the city's business for the time being, two fire trucks can be housed, and a considerable amount of off-street parking has been provided.

Plans call for the construction of a new city hall building sometime in the future on the newly acquired lot.

In Race For State Senate

Mrs. Ed M. Anderson of West Jefferson has announced that she is a candidate for the State Senate from the district representing Ashe, Watauga, and Alleghany, subject to the Democratic primary May 28. The Senate seat rotates between the three counties and this time the nominee comes from Ashe.

Mrs. Anderson, who is running for public office for the first time, has been active in



MRS. ED M. ANDERSON

public affairs for many years. She is the publisher of the Skyland Post at West Jefferson. The Alleghany News at Sparta and three other non-daily papers in North Carolina. She is also an executive of four radio

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Father Mrs. Richardson Dies In Sparta

John Robert (Rob) Crouse, 80, of Sparta, father of Mrs. Melissa Richardson of Boone, died Wednesday of last week at Alleghany Memorial Hospital.

He was born in Alleghany to Floyd and Ellen G. Gambill Crouse. He served as Sheriff of Alleghany county from 1918 to 1922. A farmer, Mr. Crouse operated a livestock business in Sparta for 25 years. He was a member of Zion Primitive Baptist Church.

The funeral was conducted Saturday at 2 o'clock at Elk's Creek Primitive Baptist Church by Elder Raleigh Joiner, Elder Price Vass and Elder Ed Douglas. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Surviving are four daughters, Mrs. Rose Smith of Ennice, Mrs. Ruth Funk of Woodstown, N. J., Mrs. Blanche Hudson of Hagerstown, Md., and Mrs. Melissa Richardson of Boone; three sons, Gwyn Crouse of Woodstown, Claude Crouse of Pennsylvania, N. J., and Robert Lee Crouse of Sparta; two brothers, R. Floyd Crouse of Sparta and Lee Crouse of Akron, Ohio, and a sister, Mrs. Mollie Weaver of Scottsville.

Miss Gertrude Perry of Greensboro spent the week end at her home in Boone.

TO FINISH NOVEMBER 15 Greensboro Firm Starts Property Revaluation

Book Value County Land Will Double

By JOE C. MINOR

The 1963 taxable value of real property in Watauga county is expected to be double that of 1962, according to J. D. Winebarger, county tax supervisor.

Present valuation on the tax books of the county is placed at \$27,000,000. The new appraisal will go to \$50,000,000 or more, it is believed by Mr. Winebarger.

Reason for the sudden big jump in valuation is the appraisal project getting underway this month, as authorized by the 1959 General Assembly, which provides for revaluation of all real property in the State every eight years. Last revaluation in Watauga was in 1951. In a rotation plan to bring all 100 North Carolina counties under the act in eight years, this is Watauga's year to be revalued.

The last revaluation in the county was done by local people. This year the County Board of Commissioners has awarded the contract for the revaluing of the estimated 8,000 tax parcels to Southern Appraisal Co., of Greensboro, said to be experts in their field. The same company did similar work recently in neighboring Wilkes county and in Mitchell and Wake counties.

The contract was awarded the Gate City group at a cost of \$33,500, plus \$500 for valuing industry in the county. The company is already at work at the Courthouse doing preliminary work, with actual revaluation scheduled to begin on March 15. The work is supposed to be completed by November 15, which would mean the work should proceed at an average rate of 1,000 parcels being appraised per month.

The preliminary work includes the typing of a card for each parcel of property, and filling in of all known facts about the property, such as location, type of property and buildings, etc.

In doing the actual field work (Continued on page six)



WINNERS.—Preston Hughes, III, center, was first place winner in the local Optimist Club Oratorical Contest. Bob Friend, left, was third place winner, and Phil Minor, right, placed second.

Winners Are Announced In Boone Optimist Club Oratory Contest

Preston Hughes, III, freshman student at Appalachian High School, was winner of the Boone Optimist Club Oratorical contest, held Monday night in the Appalachian Elementary School auditorium. He will represent the local club in the Zone contest at Lenoir on March 27.

Other place winners were Phil Minor, second, and Bob Friend, third. Both are freshmen at the Boone school.

There were eleven contestants, who spoke on: "The Creative Force of Optimism." The others were: from Cove Creek High School—Billy Henson, Bill Baird, Harold Yates, Jerry Fox; from Appalachian—Wade Coffey, Jerry Ray, Paul Bagley, and Harold Prestwood.

By winning first place in the local contest, Hughes gained the opportunity to enter the zone contest. Winner of this contest will go on to higher contests, where the ultimate winner of the 34th annual International Optimist Oratorical Contest will be given a \$1,000 scholarship to the college of his choice, and the two runners up will be given \$500 scholarships.

Hughes was also presented a portable tape recorder by the Flowers Photo Shop, along with a first place trophy. Minor and Friend were presented with second and third-place trophies, respectively. All contestants

were given a framed copy of the Optimists' Creed.

Coaching the seven contestants from Appalachian High School was Mrs. H. M. Hughes, and Doughton Greene coached the four entries from Cove Creek.

Frank Andrews, of Radio Station WATA, acted as master of ceremonies for the occasion. Judges were the Rev. John Gibson, missionary to the Three Forks Baptist Association; Ellis G. Boatman, debating coach at Appalachian State Teachers College, and J. E. Holshouser, Boone attorney. Lynn E. Holaday, assistant cashier of the Boone Branch of the Northwestern Bank, acted as timekeeper.

Extensive Membership Drive Is Opened By Boone C. of C.

An extensive membership campaign by the Chamber of Commerce has been announced and is under the leadership of Stanley A. Harris.

Five hundred members are being sought, which will be a gain of two hundred members. A special associate membership drive aimed at the college faculty, is being conducted by Dr. Lee Reynolds and Professor Eric DeGroat.

Plans, said President Herman Wilcox, are for the campaign to be completed October 13.

Mr. Wilcox says that the Chamber is the one organization that spends its entire time promoting this area, and says that the Merchants Association Committee has ambitious plans under way to make Boone the shopping center of Northwestern North Carolina.

Mr. Wilcox says it will take a lot of hard work and financing to make this region into the playground of America, and quotes authorities as saying that within the next 25 years this section will become the most prosperous area in the South.

Objectives for the community are listed as follows by Mr. Wilcox:

Assisting the town in building a city hall.

Build a recreation center, to serve as a community building, convention hall, and provide accommodations for civic clubs.

Playgrounds for the young people.

the extension of tourist season, industry expansion.

Constructing an airstrip to serve Boone and Blowing Rock. Build a National Guard Armory through Federal and State aid.

Assist in building a ski facility on Beech Mountain.

Bring more small conventions to Boone.

Continue efforts to secure ad-

ded publicity and assist in the promotion of Horn in the West.

Continue to assist Appalachian State Teachers College and encourage more housing facilities to encourage added college enrollment.

"Dozens of professional men are giving hundreds of man hours free. We only ask you to support us financially," Mr. Wilcox said.

Weed Vote In Final Tally Of County Given

Final results for the Watauga vote in the burley referendum showed 1610 votes with 1608 for and 2 against. The referendum carried over the burley belt and marketing quotas will be in effect for the 1962, 1963 and 1964 crop years.

Thanks to ASC county and community committees; agricultural agencies; business people and local radio and press publicity, the referendum vote was heavy and up about 30% over the 1959 vote.

The vote by communities follows:

	For	Against
Beaver Dam	361	0
Brushy Fork	142	1
Cove Creek	343	0
Laurel Creek	230	0
Meat Camp	146	1
New River	63	0
North Fork	77	0

Foster Files Court Clerk

Orville Foster has filed as a Republican candidate for the Republican nomination for Clerk of the Superior Court.

Mr. Foster, a resident of Boone, Route 2, is a former Watauga County Tax Collector.

Mrs. A. N. Mast has returned home after visiting with Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Page of Christiansburg, Va. for several weeks. She also visited with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cornelius of Johnson City, Tenn.

Appalachian Mixed Chorus Gets District Grade Of Excellent

The Appalachian 7th and 8th Grade Mixed Chorus earned an honor rating of "Excellent" when they participated in the District Choral Contest held Friday, February 23rd. The Boone District Contest, covering ten northwestern counties, was held in the Fine Arts Building on the Appalachian State Teachers College campus.

Serving on the panel of judges were Mrs. Crystal Bachtell, Greensboro; Mr. Paul Fry, Albemarle; and Mr. Richard Cox, W.C.U.N.C., Greensboro. Selection of judges, as well as the sponsoring of contests through-

out the state, is a function of the North Carolina Music Educators Conference.

The Appalachian group performed two numbers, "Do-Re-Mi" and "Climb Ev'ry Mountain", from Rodgers and Hammerstein's The Sound Of Music. The first number was a three-part arrangement, the latter a combination of three and six parts. Students accompanists were Mary Norris and Diane Hagaman.

The honor rating certificate will be presented to the school and placed in the display cabinet located in the front entrance hall.

The 7th and 8th Grade Chorus has a current membership of 55 students. Additions are held at the beginning of each school year and at various times during the year, to fill vacancies.

Elected officers for 1961-62 are Diane Hagaman, president; H. J. Cottrell, vice-president; Sara Hagaman, secretary; Linda Lyons, treasurer; Rita Aldridge and Linda Dixon, librarians.

The group is directed by Mrs. Gaynelle Wilson.