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Holshouser, Braswell Will Be New Judges



SENATOR BRYAN

Senator Bryan Is High Man In District Race

Senator T. R. Bryan of Wilkes County was high man in the Republican race for the State Senate in the 25th District, composed of Davie, Watauga, Wilkes and Yadkin, but faced the prospect of a run-off since he fell short of a majority of the votes cast.

Senator Bryan tallied 4,944 votes in unofficial returns. Stacy Pardue, also of Wilkes County, had 3,439 votes and is entitled to request a second primary.

J. W. Norris of Boone was third with 3,013 votes in the incomplete returns.

The Democrats filed no candidate in the district which is heavily Republican.

Ellison Is Bound Over On Homicide Charges

Boone Justice of the Peace Dave Hodges says he finds evidence sufficient to bind Sam Ellison over to the September term of Watauga County Superior Court.

Ellison was lodged in Watauga Jail Sunday, April 28, charged with the murder of Willie Isenhour, 42, of Todd, Sheriff Ward Carroll said the warrant was signed by Dana Isenhour, who said he witnessed the gun slaying of his uncle.

Hodges said Ellison was represented by J. E. Holshouser Sr. He said witnesses' reports were in conflict in that Dana Isenhour, his wife, and the deceased's brother, Wallace Isen-

J. E. Holshouser, Sr. of Boone and J. Ray Braswell of Newland won the Republican nominations for the district judgeships in the 24th district.

Mr. Holshouser, prominent Boone lawyer and former U. S. District Attorney received 4,251 votes, according to the unofficial tally.

Mr. J. Ray Braswell of Newland, an attorney, was high with 4,469.

Wood Hall Young, of Minneapolis got 2,205 votes.

The new court district is composed of Avery, Madison, Mitchell, Watauga and Yancey counties and nomination is tantamount to election. The Democrats offered no candidates.

Messrs Holshouser and Braswell campaigned on the theme that it was necessary to have lawyers as judges, since they had the necessary knowledge to move the business of the courts smoothly.

Home Builders Join In Area Organization

North Wilkesboro—A North western Home Builders Association for seven Northwestern counties was organized here Thursday night.

About 60 builders and others in related businesses attended the organizational meeting at Williams Restaurant, which resulted in an enrollment of 15 builder members and 18 associate members.

Counties covered by the association are Wilkes, Alleghany, Alexander, Ashe, Surry, Watauga and Yadkin.

L. G. Combs Jr. of Hays, a building contractor, was elected president.

hour, each said three shots were fired.

Hodges said Denver Ellison, son of the accused, was also a State's witness, but testified that only one shot was fired from his father's gun.

The shooting took place in front of the Sam Ellison home and Hodges said testimony revealed that Ellison was intoxicated. An estimated 30 persons attended the hearing in the jail lobby.

The Sheriff said Monday Ellison was still jailed in default of a \$10,000 bond set by Judge W. E. Anglin of Burnsville. Mr. Isenhour died from a wound in the upper part of the chest.



MRS. EARL PETREY

Voter League Given Honor At National Meet

The 49th convention of the League of Women Voters of the U. S. met in Chicago April 30 through May 3.

Each state had selected one League for its significant growth in membership and North Carolina's entry was the LWV of Boone.

Mrs. Earl Petrey was its 1967-68 membership chairman. Prior to the unveiling of their pictures at the president's reception Tuesday night, April 30, Hall of Fame choices were known only to the selected leagues.

The Membership Hall of Fame is a new feature of the national convention to which Mrs. Frank Steckel, president of the Boone League, was a delegate.

Membership in the League of Women Voters is open to any woman of voting age. Leagues operate in all the states, the District of Columbia and Puerto-Rico. Mrs. Hoy Lanning is this year's membership chairman in Boone.

Sgt. Billie Cole Is War Casualty

Staff Sgt. Billie F. Cole, 32, grandson of Joe Church of Boone, and the late Ben F. Cole, died April 16 of combat wounds received in battle near Saigon on April 3.

Cole suffered chest and abdominal wounds while directing a tank assault. He was a veteran of 14 years of service, and a native of Pennsylvania. He had made his home near Louisville, Ky., since being stationed at Ft. Knox.

Norris Heavy Favorite In Senate Race

Watauga voters turned out in moderate numbers Saturday to give wide-margin approval of Lieutenant-Governor Bob Scott for the Democratic nomination for Governor of North Carolina and at the same time turned in a primary upset with overwhelming support for Rep. James Gardner for the Republican gubernatorial nod. Dr. Reginald Hawkins received token support.

On the basis of unofficial returns Scott had a four to one lead over J. Melville Broughton gathering 1322 votes as against 330 for Broughton. Hawkins received 33.

In the Republican voting impartial observers were surprised that Rep. Gardner won so handily over Jack Stickley who had been considered by many leaders to be the odds-on favorite in this county. Unofficial figures give Gardner an impressive majority with 736 votes as against 485 for Stickley.

Wataugans selected 10 from a line-up of 18 candidates for the Watauga County School Board.

The 10 in the order of their popularity are James Marsh, 2,655; Hugh Hagaman, 2,353; Ben Strickland, 1,963; Edsel Cook, 1,750; John H. Hollar, 1,686; H. W. Mast, 1,638; J. B. Ragan, 1,628; John Herman, 1,617; Dennis Greene, 1,518; and S. C. Eggers, 1,378.

Republicans chose three of their five candidates for the County Board of Commissioners. G. Perry Greene received 1,164 votes, Kenneth Wilcox was second with 858 and Gene Wilsson got 571.

Attorneys J. E. Holshouser Sr. and J. Ray Braswell got 1,408 and 1,111 respectively in the running for District Court Judge. W. Hall Young ran third with 153 votes.

Voting for the State Senator from the 25th District placed J. W. Norris on top with 1,082 in the county voting. Incumbent Republican Sen. T. R. Bryan got 149 and Stacy Pardue tallied 60 votes.

ON FIREARMS CONTROL The Senate Judiciary Committee has voted for tougher federal controls over firearms



At the polls Saturday, election worker Roby Triplett passes a ballot to Mrs. Dee Winkler while registrar Mrs. Jewel Mast takes down the name of Mrs. Winkler and her companion, Mrs. Emma Taylor (right). Ralph Greene adds the voters to the total in the Boone Precinct balloting in the Courthouse Annex. (Staff photo)

Watauga County Called Leader March Dimes Birth Defect Plan

"I service the 40 counties of Western North Carolina and in all honesty this is the leader."

This was the salute of National Foundation-March of Dimes field representative John Spelman at the annual meeting of the Watauga County Chapter. Introduced by chairman George Thomas, who said Spelman is one of only three paid employees of the Dimes agency in North Carolina, the speaker continued:

"When people talk about what is being done in the mountains, what kind of money is being raised, what kind of educational program and information programs—when people from the New York office come in, they say let's take a look at what Watauga County's doing."

"We take excerpts from many of the things that are done in Watauga County to initiate programs in other counties. One of the most successful healthy

baby projects was initiated here. The leading teenage-program in the state of North Carolina is in Watauga County.

"The in-school program is being watched very carefully, not only by the National Foundation, but by the educators of the state of North Carolina," Spelman said there is a possibility the local program will be implemented with other programs and put into the schools as a standard health education program.

"So the limelight really is on Watauga County and I think the its brightness from all you wonderful people."

Thomas presented certificates of appreciation to ASU co-ed Miss Cindy Carson, Mrs. Vera Church for her work in Mabel and Zionville communities, Miss Susan Lawrence of Watauga High School, Mrs. Lois Harrell of WHS, Ron Hester for WATA, Marshall Travis,

(president of the Blowing Rock Ruritan Club), Jerry Burns of The Blowing Rocket, Rachel Rivers of the Watauga Democrat, Mrs. Gene Wilson and Mrs. Bill Hartley.

The chairman made special mention of Mrs. Hayden Pitts and Mrs. Nadine Danner, mothers march chairmen in Blowing Rock and Boone respectively. He pointed out that their successful programs were carried out in harsh winter weather. He also thanked a group of Watauga High School students for helping mail 5,000 envelopes in the January campaign. Mrs. Harrell took busloads of high schoolers to Western Carolina Center to observe the birth defects division this year.

The mothers marches brought in \$1,853.57 and in Blowing Rock the Ruritan Club's gospel singing accounted for \$143.42. Mail intake was \$1,044.39 and Thomas pointed out that cam-

aign expenses here were held to 10 per cent while many chap-

Democrats To Meet Saturday

The Democrats of the various precincts of Watauga County are asked by Chairman James Dugger to meet at their respective voting places next Saturday, May 11 at 2 o'clock to set up township organizations and elect delegates to the County Convention to be held at the temporary courthouse in Boone May 25 at 2 o'clock.

The County Convention will name delegates to the State Convention which will be held in Raleigh's Municipal Auditorium Thursday June 5. At the convention the members of the Executive Committee will elect the chairman and other committee officers.

Memory Dr. Dougherty To Be Honored At Dedication

Appalachian State University's new administration building, a modern, four-story structure which was occupied earlier this week, will be dedicated Sunday in honor of the late Dr. Blanford Barnard Dougherty, founder and long-time president of the institution.

The dedication ceremonies will be at 2 p. m. in the spacious lobby of the unique building in which, for the first time in many years, all administrative offices of the campus will be located beneath one roof.

The public is invited to attend the dedication at which Dr. W. H. Flemmons, ASU President, will preside and extend the official welcome.

After the invocation by Her-

man Eggers, and a musical presentation by Erarry P. Hotard of the university's Department of Music, Rogers Whitener, assistant professor of English, will present "Memories of Dr. Dougherty."

The eulogy will be given by Wade E. Brown, former Boone Mayor. The response will be made by Edwin S. Dougherty, nephew of Dr. Dougherty and professor of History at Appalachian.

The ribbon cutting will be accomplished by Miss Jane Dougherty, a grand niece of the man in whose honor the building is being named. An open house will conclude the dedication.

Dr. Dougherty, who died in 1957 at the age of 85, was co-founder of Appalachian in 1903

when the school was known as Appalachian Training School. He retired in 1955, and at the time had served as a college president longer than any other living president in the nation.

A native of Boone, where he was born Oct. 21, 1872, Dr. Dougherty was 16 years old when he completed the sixth grade. His high school training was of 11 months' duration: three months at New River Academy in Watauga County, four months at Lenoir High School and four months at Globe Academy.

He entered Wake Forest College in 1892 and Holly Springs in 1893. He received the B. S. degree in 1896 from Carson-Newman College, and com-

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After the annual March of Dimes meeting, George Thomas, county chapter chairman, and speaker Mrs. Marsha Brown congratulate Mrs. Nadine Danner of Boone for her leadership of the city's Mothers March in January. (Staff photo)



DR. B. B. DOUGHERTY