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## Pender Statesman Out For Governorship

Senator Johnson's Platform Favors Frumanti a La Parcel Post

Efforts to locate O. Max Gardner, who is now touring Europe, in order to inform him of the candidacy of Senator L. N. Johnson of Pender county, has failed. Gardner is likely the favorite of the Democratic party as the next governor of North Carolina and it is thought that news of Johnson's running on a wet platform will bring the Shelby statesman back to the states pronto.

According to a Raleigh dispatch, Senator Johnson's platform is a killer. It is, says Mr. Johnson, "certainly purely and exactly wet." It provides that the national government buy all the surplus grains and fruits at a fair price to the producers, and that good liquors and excellent wines be made by and government from the said grains and fruits and that said liquors and wines be distributed by parcel post to bona fide householders at actual cost of production plus transportation charges.

Prohibition is the state's religion, and Mr. Gardner is orthodox. Therefore, his return is emphasized. Then should the opposing candidate come out for evolution, a survey of women in dustry, trial marriages and birth control, with a possibility of peeing as the leader in North Carolina for Al Smith, what then? These suppositions have already caused uneasiness among those who have wiped and oiled the machinery for a smooth-running Gardner campaign.

Miss Julia Alexander declared her candidacy in the spring of 1925 after having served in the lower branch of the general assembly, but popular opinion is to the effect that she likely will refuse to enter the race.

To say the least of the situation, the would-be governor Johnson has fired the farm relief situation. Who couldn't farm cheerfully in the anticipation of his otherwise waste products coming back to him in neat little packages in the form of "good liquors and excellent wines?"

## SHERIFF ON LAST ROUND FOR 1925-1926 TAXES

Sheriff L. M. Farthing on yesterday began his last round for the collection of taxes for the years 1925 and 1926. The sheriff announces that he will levy on property for all unpaid taxes as he goes, and property will likely be advertised for sale on the first Thursday in August.

The sheriff will be in Stony Fork and Bald Mountain townships today and tomorrow. Other dates and places are as follows:

Stony Fork, at A. G. Miller's store, July 16th.  
Elk, Triplett's store, July 18.  
Blue Ridge, Story's store, July 19.  
Blowing Rock, July 20 and 21.  
Watauga, at Collins' store in the morning and Harbin's store in the afternoon of July 22, and at Valle Creek on July 23.  
Shawneehaw, Matney, July 25.  
Cane Creek, J. B. Hicks' store in the morning of July 27, and at Ward' store in the afternoon.  
Beaver Dam, at Sherwood's store on the morning of July 28, and Hagaman's store in the afternoon.  
Cove Creek, July 29, at Mabel in the morning and W. F. Sherwood's store in the afternoon.

Washington, July 11.—The shortest corn crop in 26 years was indicated today by the department of agriculture in its July crop report which forecast a production of 2,274,124,000 bushels. The figure is almost half a billion bushels below the average production of the last five years. "Crop prospects as a whole are far from promising," was the comment of the crop reporting board in its review of conditions. While it is still too early to forecast accurately the production of late sown crops, the present outlook is for a very short crop of fruits, for a material reduction in the production of tobacco; for about average production of potatoes, wheat, sugar beets, flaxseed and feed grains other than corn; for rather late crops of beans, peanuts and sweet potatoes and for a record production of hay. Crop prospects are fairly good in the western states but very unpromising in the eastern part of the corn belt. The area in crops this season shows a reduction of around seven million acres or two per cent below the acreage in crops at this time last year.

## NO. 60 PROFITS BY RECENT LETTINGS

Slowly But Surely Boone Trail is Being Hardsurfaced; Contract Let For Paving Five Miles East of Wilkesboro

(L. J. Hampton in Winston-Salem Journal)

North Wilkesboro, July 8.—The ultimate paving or oiling of the Boone Trail all the way to Boone within the near future is vision since the state highway commission on Tuesday let the contract for hard-surface concrete construction of five and a fraction miles down the Boone Trail from the end of the concrete at the edge of the Wilkesboro city limit in the direction of Winston-Salem. That will make eight miles altogether of concrete between these two towns and the biggest city in the state and the remainder of the distance to the Yadon county line will be oil surfaced, which is even pleasant traveling, if it is not quite so substantial.

C. S. Currier, chief engineer of the seventh highway district, who was here today from Lenoir and Blowing Rock on a tour of inspection, is well pleased over the prospects for more and better roads in the northwestern part of the state and the great developments already underway or planned, he thinks, will be given even added impetus. The highway engineer was especially glad to see the letting of the contract for a dirt road from Elkin to Dobson, which is also to be given an oil surface. That highway, which is No. 268, will be located in places in other words straightened out, where sharp elbows occur.

Gravel is now being laid on the route between Sparta and Boone, half of it having already received its coat of oil. The other part will be finished before the cold weather sets in. Then the continuing link of the Black Bear scenic trail from the Jeffersons to Boone by way of Todd will also be given a surface of oil. The entire route will be one to delight tourists.

In less than a year's time the highway to Jefferson is also to be widened and straightened out at various points and then given a coating of oil. The oil roads in the state which are built out of special funds and come under the direction of the maintenance division with provision from the district engineers are popular with the people and have demonstrated in a highly satisfactory way their wearing qualities under fairly heavy traffic. They are also repaired easily and at small cost.

## SAYS 69 WILL BE FINISHED BEFORE END OF YEAR

J. H. Mulligan, road contractor, of Cleveland, N. C., was in the city last week and reports work on highway No. 69 between Boone and West Jefferson moving in an altogether satisfactory manner. More steam shovels are being moved and soon four will be in operation. Mr. Mulligan is under bond to the state to have the road finished from its intersection with No. 60 just without the corporate limits of Boone to West Jefferson by December 24.

## TRIAL CONTINUED

The case called before Mayor W. R. Gragg Tuesday afternoon, in which Miss Salie Ray is plaintiff and Miss Bonnie Jean Lewis is defendant, by agreement of counsel, was continued until next Thursday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. Criminal action is being brought against Miss Lewis as a result of an automobile accident in which Miss Ray was injured some time ago. The plaintiff alleges the accident occurred as a result of careless speed on the part of the defendant.

New York, July 11.—Every state in the union and 75 cities will be visited by Col. Charles A. Lindbergh, who will leave here in his monoplane. Spirit of St. Louis, on a three-month tour under the auspices of the Daniel Guggenheim fund for the promotion of aeronautics, it was announced tonight. Col. Lindbergh will leave here July 20. Between October 1 and 15, he will visit Little Rock, Memphis, Nashville, Birmingham, Jackson, New Orleans, Atlanta, Spartanburg, Winston-Salem and Richmond.

## \$1,403,583 Is Saved by N. C. Budget

Governor McLean Reports Financial Standing of State Shows Profits

Raleigh, July 7.—The state of North Carolina closed its books on the first biennium of the executive budget system with a surplus in its general fund account of \$1,403,583. Governor McLean disclosed today in offering to the public an accounting of his financial stewardship under the legislation provided by the 1927 legislature.

The amount represents the cash on hand after meeting all obligations, and paying all bills for the two-year period, July 1, 1925 to June 30, 1927, for which the 1925 assembly made appropriations and levied taxes.

It will be returned to the state treasury, the governor announced. "For the future relief of the tax payers," contributing to the support of the expanding operations of the state for the biennium that began July 1, and reducing by the amount of the surplus the levy on the public necessary to maintain the governmental functions.

The vastly greater part of the surplus was created during the first fiscal year of the late biennium, the balance at the end of June 30, 1926, amounting to \$1,259,824. The balance for the year July 1, 1926, to June 30, 1927, amounting to only \$133,759 as the result of necessary increases in state expenditures and unexpected failure in tax collections.

Budget officials in May estimated that the balance for the year would be some \$300 thousand dollars greater, giving to the biennium a surplus of \$1,700,000 instead of \$1,403,583, but the collection of license and income taxes for the month of June fell \$500,000 below expectations and leaving a corresponding shortage in the estimate as to the year's cash balance.

## DISTRICT MEETING OF JUNIORS AT MT. AIRY, FRIDAY, JULY 15

C. O. McNeill, of North Wilkesboro, district deputy for the seventh district of the Junior Order, United American Mechanics, announces that there will be a district meeting of the order in Mount Airy on the evening of Friday, July 15, commencing at 7 o'clock.

The state councillor, C. W. Snyder, of Winston-Salem, will be present at the meeting.

The Junior Order is rapidly growing in the seventh district, a new council having been formed in Boone.

## DRUNKEN DRIVER LODGED IN JAIL—BOUND TO COURT

A live salesman, traveling out from Charlotte, was arrested last Thursday afternoon on the Blowing Rock road by Deputy Sheriff Poly Wyle, after having been a party to an automobile wreck, the result of driving while under the influence of liquor. He was placed in the county jail for the night, and Friday morning was bound over to court by Mayor W. R. Gragg, bond being given in the sum of \$500.

## FELDSPAR INDUSTRY IN STATE

An article by Jasper L. Struckey in the Manufacturers Record for June 30 gives some rather interesting facts regarding the feldspar industry in North Carolina. This is a comparatively new industry in this state, although small quantities of this mineral have been mined for several years. North Carolina abounds in this and other minerals, which on account of the fact that they are not so valuable as the rare minerals and are sold in large bulk to be used for special processes, have not been mined extensively. The people owning mineral lands in western North Carolina have not had the finances necessary to mine these minerals in bulk. However much progress has been made in recent years and feldspar and other mining industries are taking on new life. Dr. Joseph Hyde Pratt, former state geologist, stated that this state's raw minerals have scarcely been touched. A great opportunity awaits those who venture to develop the state's mineral resources.

## SECOND NORMAL TERM OPENS

Registrations for the second summer term of the Normal school began Tuesday morning and although it is not expected the body will be anything like the proportions of the first, it is understood that about four hundred are now registered.

## DOUGHTON MAY BE HOUSE LEADER

One Leading Democrat Thinks "Farmer Bob" Is Right Man to Head Party in Lower House; Is Student of Taxes and Tariffs

Washington, July 10.—"What is the matter with Representative Doughton for Democratic floor leader in the house?" asked a prominent Democrat here from the state today. There is not a man in the house on either side who has more "horse sense" than Bob Doughton, he said. He has not the culture, perhaps, of Jo Byrns or Cordell Hull, of Tennessee, nor the polish of Tom Connally of Texas, nor the saw mill voice of W. F. Stevenson of South Carolina, nor the parliamentary skill of Charles Clegg of Georgia, nor the hoary crown of James B. Anewell of Louisiana, nor the skill for publicity of Martin L. Davis of Ohio, and so on.

But in a pinch, Doughton can come nearer hitting the bull's eye than any one else, this authority went on to say. He is a member of the ways and means committee, and made the best tax speech in the house when the last revenue bill was passed. Even leading Republicans conceded that it was the ablest presentation of the subject from the Democratic side. Doughton, a mountain dirt farmer himself, though he entertained doubts as to the merits of the McNary-Lauren bill, finally supported it as that or nothing. He believes that the farmers of the south and west should combine to secure relief. Doughton is now a hard student of taxes and tariffs and a one of the gamiest fighters in the house, he friend said, and sooner or later he will be at the front of the stage.

## ROUTE 2 NEWS

Boone, R. F. D. 2, July 16.—Messrs. Donald Robbins and Ray from Miss Bertie Esom of Dorchester, Va., and Mr. and Mrs. Standifer of St. Charles, Va., spent the Fourth at the home of Mr. J. C. Ray.

Mrs. J. F. Johnson and little daughter, Mary Anne, of Farmington, N. C., are visiting Mrs. Johnson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Greene. Mrs. George Blair and children of Fort Myers, Fla., are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Hamby, who are spending the summer at their farm on New River.

Miss Laura Wilson spent last week with Rev. and Mrs. Finley Watts at Purdie.

Mr. M. E. Randolph of Asheville, spent last week-end at Mr. J. C. Ray's. On his return, Mr. Randolph was accompanied by Mrs. Randolph and little daughter, who have been here for a few weeks' visit.

The many friends of Howard Brookshire were pained to hear of his accident and hope to hear of his speedy recovery.

Mrs. J. C. Ray, who has been very sick for the past two weeks, is slightly improved.

## JUNIORS NAME OFFICERS

At the regular meeting of the local council, Jr. O. U. A. M., held in the hall Monday night, the following officers for the next term were elected:

Junior past councilor, Russell D. Hodges.  
Councilor, W. R. Gragg.  
Vice councilor, W. C. Greer.  
Recording secretary, Clyde R. Greene.  
Assistant recording secretary, S. M. Ayers.  
Financial secretary, L. S. Isaacs.  
Outside sentinel, Linney Walker.  
Inside sentinel, B. K. Osborne.  
Warden, W. S. Christian.  
Conductor, T. M. Greer.  
Treasurer, A. W. Smith.  
Representative, Russell D. Hodges.  
Chapman, M. B. Woosley.  
Trustees, N. C. Greene and Will C. Walker.

The financial secretary was ordered to send check to Mr. O. L. Hardin for \$38.00, this being the amount due him for sick benefits.

Jerusalem, Palestine, July 11.—An earthquake of widespread and severe character has occurred in Palestine and Transjordan, officials' reports indicate. The unsubstantial character of the native buildings caused casualties disproportionate to the material damage, which was mostly slight. The casualty list, which is incomplete, places the number of dead at 26 and the injured 30 in the Jerusalem district, but in the city itself only one person thus far has been reported killed and 12 injured.

## Chamber of Commerce Formed at Blowing Rock

Organized Tuesday Night With H. C. Martin President and Mrs. Rupert Gillett Secretary

Blowing Rock, July 11.—The Blowing Rock Chamber of Commerce is an organization meeting Tuesday night elected H. C. Martin as president for the year. J. A. Panella was chosen vice-president and Mrs. Rupert Gillett secretary and treasurer.

Lloyd Robbins and Miss Elize Brooger were elected to serve on the executive committee, the other members of which are the president, the vice president and secretary.

It was voted that the annual dues be \$5.

Before the election of officers, addresses were made by W. W. Stringfellow, H. C. Martin and Mayor George M. Suddeth.

## Will Let Contract Today

The contract for the construction of Blowing Rock's new consolidated school building was to be let Wednesday or Thursday. The school board was in session all Monday afternoon considering the five bids on the building itself and the other bids on wiring and plumbing. The board, however, took no action, as Superintendent Hagaman could not consult with them until later in the week.

The complete plans for the new school building call for the same type of building as was contained in the original \$87,000 building plan, but because of the enlargement of the fund to \$92,000, the building may have to be constructed on the unit plan, said G. C. Robbins, chairman of the school board.

With the air bought, only \$25,000 remains for actual building and equipment. Mr. Robbins pointed out. If any bidder can construct the entire building satisfactorily within that figure, his bid will be accepted, but otherwise the gymnasium will be omitted for the present and added later when additional funds are obtainable. In that case, the building will consist of eight classrooms, a library room, auditorium seating 100, two offices and boiler room in the basement. When the gymnasium is added, four more rooms will be available in the basement for either classrooms or laboratories.

## Parlor Car Buses

Parlor car buses have replaced the open cars that have been used heretofore on the Hickory-Lenoir-Blowing Rock line.

## Official Light Testing Station

J. H. Winkler's garage has been designated by the state highway department as the official light testing station for Blowing Rock. Mr. Winkler said that as soon as the apparatus arrives and is installed and inspected, which will take about ten days, he will be ready to begin testing lights.

## Improved Telephone Service

Blowing Rock now has long distance telephone connections with Boone. The service is maintained through a booth in Ed's Cafe, pending the opening of the Blowing Rock exchange. The exchange, it was said by engineers in charge, will probably be open by Friday. Blowing Rock now has long distance connections both to the north and the south.

## Road Be Completed By Saturday

Week-enders at Blowing Rock this week will have a smooth road all the way, it was said by engineers in charge of construction work on Highway No. 13, Blowing Rock to Lenoir. The crews began Tuesday morning laying the last half mile of surface rock, and it was said that this should be completed easily by the end of the week.

Whether the tar will be put on at the present time was not known by the foreman, but it was certain that it would not be done this week, and that week-enders would not be troubled by driving over a tar surface.

## Musical Concert

One of the most enjoyable musical concerts of the season so far was that given Saturday night at Mayview Manor by Miss Ruth Rankin, pianist of the Juilliard Foundation, New York, Mrs. Daniel H. Rhea of New York, soprano, and Stephen Gardner of New York and Blowing Rock, tenor. The program was La Campanella (Liszt); Hopah (Rachmaninoff); Pale Moon from "The Land of the Sky Blue Waters"; Invidius (Huhn); Butterfly Song (Woodman); Recompense (Hammond).

On the same evening the regular weekly musical concert was given at Green Park hotel by Booth's Orchestra, formerly of Hotel Charlotte.

## Accident Not Serious

The reported serious accident in

## GOOD ROAD FOR BEECH CREEK

Partly of Tennesseeans Here Monday Arouse Interest in Much Needed Highway For Western Section of County

Messrs. James Shell, Frank Dougherty and others, good road enthusiasts of Johnson county, Tennessee, were in Boone Monday, conferring with the board of county road commissioners and other representative citizens relative to the improvement of the link of road between No. 60 at Sugar Grove and the Avery county line.

According to the Tennesseans, the highway commission of that state is now favorable to the construction of a modern thoroughfare between Elizabethton and Mountain City, Tenn. They are anxious that the road be routed from Butler on the river through the Beech Creek country to Sugar Grove, then into Mountain City over the Boone Trail. This, they think, can be accomplished now provided the North Carolina commission will co-operate. To this end, Watauga county officials are endeavoring to have Highway Commissioner Frank Pace come here and go over the matter personally. This he will likely do as he has promised to make a visit to this section this summer. Watauga county's link is already graded and it will no doubt be easy to get the state commission to put the finishing touches on. While Tennessee is ready to do her part, Avery county has a short link which has been a drawback, but that county is said to be willing to co-operate.

It is a safe prediction that Watauga county officials are going to see the project through in some way now that the link is hot. If the state is willing to assist the county in maintenance in the next few months there will be a new and modern outlet into our sister state, and thereby open up one of the choice sections of the county—Beech Creek—veritably a hidden empire.

which the automobile of Elliott Dingerfield, artist of New York, figured proved on investigation to have been only a slight misapp. An automobile driven by a woman on the wrong side of the Yonablossee trail struck Mr. Dingerfield's car and knocked it backward so that it struck a girl waiting along the road. The girl was slightly cut about the head, but all others concerned escaped uninjured.

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Tuesday night's band practice had to be postponed when it was learned that the town hall had been engaged by negro employees of summer residents here for a dance. The dance was attended by negroes from Boone, Lenoir, Morgantown and other towns over the mountains, besides those of Blowing Rock.

## Miss Bertha Hartley Dead

The death of Miss Bertha Hartley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Larkin Hartley, occurred about midday Monday, following an illness of several weeks. Many friends and relatives attended the funeral held Tuesday afternoon at Cool Springs, and attended the high regard in which the deceased was held among all who knew her. Surviving members of the family are her parents; two sisters, Mrs. Will Knight and Mrs. Jas. Simmons, and one brother, Tom Hartley, all of Blowing Rock.

## Teague Holders

A Sunday night wedding in Blowing Rock was that of Claude Teague and Miss Doris Hollers, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hollers. The ceremony was performed by Justice C. R. Walker. Both the bride and groom are residents of Blowing Rock.

## Personal

Misses Annie and Elizabeth Panella of Charlotte spent the past week-end in Blowing Rock as the guests of their brother, J. A. Panella, and Mrs. Panella. Mrs. T. B. Wilder, sister of Walter Hines Page, spent a few days last week at the Martin cottage with Misses Emma and Emma Page Wilder. All are from Aberdeen.

## One Got Well

Medico: "Anything happen while I was out?"  
Nurse: "Yes, sir; a patient called."