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Watauga G. O. P. Split on Hoover, Lowden

Ohioan Will Receive 5 1/2 Votes and Commerce Secretary 8 1/2 in State Convention at Raleigh

The Republicans of Watauga county will send a divided delegation to the state convention, which meets at Raleigh in April, according to action of the county convention here Saturday afternoon, the delegation being instructed to cast 5 1/2 votes for Lowden and 8 1/2 for Hoover.

The division over the contest for the presidency caused not a ruffle and there was no speech-making. It was harmonious and snappy. County Chairman W. H. Gragg called the convention to order and asked Prof. I. G. Greer to preside. Messrs. W. R. Gragg and W. D. Farthing assisted Secretary J. C. Ray in making a record of the proceedings.

A roll call of townships developed the fact that all precincts were represented except Bald Mountain. The vote of the precincts stood: For Hoover 67 1/2 and Lowden 46 1/2. The county has a voting strength of 14 in the state convention.

Immediately after the vote was announced, delegates were named to the state convention as follows:

Delegates
Frank A. Linney, T. E. Bingham, W. E. Comer, H. L. Lyon, G. C. Robbins, J. E. Holsinger, C. S. Prevette, W. M. Thomas, I. G. Greer, W. R. Gragg, W. H. Gragg, Miss Blanche Smith, Mrs. Pearl Luttrell, C. L. Coffey.

Alternates
C. M. Critcher, Ralph Bingham, Elaine Coffey, A. G. Miller, A. W. Smith, Chas. L. Younce, Joe Wheeler, Mrs. W. H. Gragg, J. P. Hodges, Mrs. F. A. Linney, Baxter Linney, Miss Eula Hodges, G. W. Robbins, Mrs. O. L. Hardin.

STANDARD TRAINING SCHOOL AT BOONE M. E. CHURCH

For several years the leaders of the Boone Methodist church have looked forward to the time when the efficiency of their Sunday school should warrant a standard training school for its workers. These training courses are provided by the Sunday school board of the Western North Carolina conference and are given only in those churches that reach, in their program of work, a required standard of efficiency.

Beginning next Sunday, April 1st, at 4 p. m., and continuing through the week at 7:30 p. m., a standard training school will be conducted in the local church with Rev. W. E. Povey, pastor of the First Methodist church, Lenoir, Paul J. Evans, L. L. Tuttle and Miss Corinne Little, all conference Sunday school workers, as instructors in the several courses. It is hoped that everyone interested in Sunday school activities, whether Methodist or member of any other denomination, will take advantage of this opportunity for increased efficiency in leadership.

FISHING SEASON OPENS IN APRIL—LICENSES REQUIRED

The fishing season will open this year for brook and rainbow trout on April 15th; large mouth bass April 20th and small-mouth bass on June 10th, according to information sent out by the state department of conservation and development. A bag limit provides that eight large-mouth bass, 25 brook trout and 25 rainbow trout may be taken in one day.

Posters recently issued by the division of inland fisheries specifies that it is unlawful to take fish from any of the inland waters of the state by use of fish traps, baskets or nets.

A license is required as follows: Resident, county, \$1.10; resident state, \$2.10; and non-resident, \$3.10.

ROAD FUNDS FOR JOHNSON CO.

Announcement is made from Nashville, Tenn., of state aid plans for Johnson, Marion, Montgomery and Lake counties, which include the expenditure of \$106,000 for maintenance in these four counties and \$136,500 for improvements during 1928. According to engineers the state-maintained roads in these counties will be put in prime condition with the least possible delay.

The 14,500 maintenance program for Johnson county embraces 25.7 miles of Route 34 between Sullivan county and the North Carolina line, through Mountain City. Nearly half of this stretch is macadam, the rest surface-treated, sand and gravel.

PARTY AT COOK'S GAP

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Hampton gave the young people a delightful party last Saturday night. The evening was spent in dancing, after which delightful refreshments were served. The party was attended by a large number of young folks and was pronounced one of the most enjoyable of the season.

POLITICAL EVENTS OF THE PAST WEEK

Highlights of Political Activity of Both Major Parties Summarized From Recent News Dispatches From Over the Country

How They Stand
According to the best information available, the standing of the various candidates for the presidency on Tuesday was as follows:

Lowden	
Iowa	17
Missouri	39
North Dakota	18
North Carolina	1
Minnesota	20
Total	95
Uninstructed but claimed by Lowden: South Carolina, 11; Minnesota, 3—Total 14.	
Hoover	
Minnesota	2
Louisiana	10
Georgia	16
New Hampshire	11
Total	39
Uninstructed but claimed by Hoover: Minnesota 2; Iowa, 2; New York, 20; Virginia, 15—Total 45.	
Curtis	
Kansas	21
Smith	
Idaho	8
Minnesota	24
North Dakota	10
New Hampshire	6
Philippines	6
Oregon	6
Total	62
Uninstructed but claimed by Smith: Louisiana, 20	
Reed	
Missouri	35
Uninstructed but claimed by Reed: Arkansas, 19; Louisiana, 20—Total 58.	

Smith Club Formed at Wake Forest

Wake Forest, March 24.—North Carolina state officials and political leaders may be against Governor Al Smith as Democratic candidate for president, but some of the students at Wake Forest college do not agree with them and last night an "Al Smith for President Club" was formed. The membership includes some 30 students in the law school among them the president and vice president of the student body. The students plan, it was announced after the meeting, to foster similar clubs in other colleges and universities in the state.

Teachers For Smith

Raleigh, March 24.—Announcement this afternoon through the Associated Press that an Al Smith Democratic club made up largely of law students at the Baptist institution has been organized, found of freedom at home for the afternoon, but there is something ominous in the thought that the youngsters are getting to be disobedient.

No effort to sound out the sentiment of teachers who came here to attend the annual state meeting of the educational association was made; but it would amaze the state if teachers friendly to Smith were given the freedom of speech. The only person in the mind of the teachers appears to be Smith. Two prominent members, one a principal and the other the wife of a city superintendent, were against Smith and favorable to Hoover. There may have been several hundred of them, but the casual chronicler was running into Smith men at every turn in the halls when the assembly was held.

It is not believed by anybody that the Smith sentiment is so much based on the wish to nominate him as upon the resentment toward persons who are making a fight against him. The discovery of such a percentage of teachers supporting Smith is not necessarily important. But the basis of their support is. The fight on him is making him friends.

Ohio and Indiana Primaries May Settle Fate of Hoover and Lowden

Washington special of March 25 to Greensboro, News: Republicans who are supporting, as well as those opposing, as well as those opposed, to the Hoover candidacy, are more than ever convinced that the primaries to be held in Ohio, the latter part of next month, and in Indiana the early part of May, will prove of the utmost importance in the shaping of future events. The belief has gained ground of late days that the secretary of commerce is destined to gain by the apparent weakness of Willis, the favorite son candidate in Ohio. It seems doubtful whether the favorite son is really the favorite; for it is now believed that the negro vote in Cleveland, Cincinnati and other cities will supplement the wet vote generally that is scheduled to be cast for Hoover.

The support of such urban elec-

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Blowing Rock C. of C. To Publish Bulletin

Publication Will Carry Information for Tourists and Will Carry Advertising Matter

Blowing Rock, March 29.—A joint news, fact and advertising sheet, to be known as the Blowing Rock Bulletin, will be at once prepared in answer to the demands of tourists, it was decided by discussion and vote, at an animated meeting of the Blowing Rock Chamber of Commerce held Tuesday evening in the new school building.

C. S. Prevette and Grover C. Robbins were appointed by the president of the Chamber of Commerce, H. C. Martin, to work with the executive committee of the chamber to prepare the publication, which will be printed in April. The Bulletin will show briefly recent development in the resort town, answer a composite questionnaire, thus presenting the facts desired by prospective visitors here and will provide space for all the business people of the village, owners of cottages, rooming houses etc., to present their accommodations in a brief way. All interested in inserting brief advertisements at a reasonable rate should at once see members of the committee or officers of the Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Martin urged, as no time is to be lost in getting the Bulletin printed.

Mrs. Ben Greene, Mrs. Theodore Greene and Mrs. Pendley were appointed a committee on care of the streets and were urged to secure the co-operation of the town officials in keeping the streets clean and attractive during the opening season. Mr. and Mrs. Rob Greene were added to a committee, consisting of Byrum, Crisp, Spencer Greene and Howard Oxentine on beautifying the grounds of the town. Don Johnson was made chairman of a committee to repair Lonesome Trail put it in condition for early use.

Tuesday Evening Club

The following program was given by the Tuesday Evening Club at its meeting last week:
Songs, "America the Beautiful," and "Onward Christian Soldiers"; Scripture and prayer.
Each member of the society was called upon to report upon some historical character whom she admires and to tell why she admires him.

Class Gives Initial Party

The members of the tenth grade, which is the first organized high school grade in Blowing Rock, gave its first class party Friday evening, with the girls of the class acting as hostesses. The party was held in the school building. Games and contests, carried out by the animated group of high school boys and girls, did not provide for a languid moment throughout the evening. Delectable sandwiches, made by the girls of the class, with iced drinks, provided refreshments at the close of the evening.

Members of the class are Veima Cannon, Lucille Coffey, Bynum Crisp, William Holsinger, Christine Johnson, Corin Knight, Edna Miller, Lucile Reid, Pam Robbins, Elizabeth Sudderth and Beulah Wooley. All were present except Miss Knight.

Guests of the class included A. E. Mercer, high school principal; Miss Pearl Walsh, Mr. and Mrs. Rupert Gillett, Mary Wooten, Bill Auton, Ben Greene, Max Cannon, Donald Greene, Fred Spann, Bill Lentz, Paul Foster and Glenn Coffey.

Delightful Party

Mrs. J. A. Panella, Mrs. L. E. Orr and Mrs. Stuart Cannon were joint hostesses on Friday evening at one of the merriest parties of the season, given in Mrs. Panella's apartment with more than a score of guests present.

Dancing, music and radio entertainment kept the party moving briskly until refreshments were served late in the evening.

Guests included Mr. and Mrs. Rob Greene, Mr. Panella, Mr. Orr and Mr. Cannon; Misses Alice Council of Boone, Mabel Coffey, Ethel Holsinger, Lucy Williams, Comie Moody and Veima Cannon; June Maroney of Boone, James Sudderth, Harry Tharrington, Howard Coffey, George Robbins, Dover Williams, Kermit Bolick of Lenoir, Henry Conrad of Winston-Salem, Ben Greene and Ambrose Underdown.

Personal

Mayor G. M. Sudderth and family and Miss Margaret Sudderth motored through the Asheville country last week-end.
Mrs. Thomas H. Coffey and Miss Ellen Coffey have returned from a motor trip of 1,300 miles. Points visited included Asheville and Pinehurst.

Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Gould announce the arrival of a daughter on March 21, weight eight pounds.

Much interest is evidenced in Blowing Rock over the recent announcement that a drug store is to

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WATAUGA OF THE LONG AGO

Openings of the Town and County Thirty-five to Thirty-nine Years Ago as Chronicled in the Columns of the Watauga Democrat

Thursday, July 4, 1889
Cowles and Eames are still working for gold at Gap Creek.

John Penly and Mattie Green were united in the bonds of wedlock last Thursday by Rev. Wm. Knight.

T. A. Critcher, postmaster at Bamboo, says that the office will be moved to the mill and he supposes it will hereafter, be run by steam.

Married, June 21 at the residence of Wiley Norris on Meat Camp, Robly Green and Mattie Beach, J. Norris, officiating.

Prof. Hendren of Wilkes county has accepted the school at New River Academy and will commence Aug. 17th.

Farmers from all parts of the county report the corn as doing but little good, and fear the great amount of rain has injured the small grain crop, while oats and grass are fine.

E. Spencer Blackburn, who for the past few months has been at Stateville studying law under Major Bingham, has returned home and will remain until September, when he will apply for his "sheepskin."

Wanted—During July and August I want 5000 young chickens at 10c, and the same amount of eggs for which I will pay 10c per dozen, and will sell you goods low, in exchange for same.—W. W. Holclaw, Vilas, N. C.

To give some idea of the amount of rain we have had for some time passed, we quote the language of the Elk Park mail rider: "I have been rained on every day for the past six weeks."

John Hardin of Ashe county has received the appointment of deputy collector for the counties of Ashe, Alleghany and Watauga. Capt. E. F. Lovell has held this position for the past four years, and goes out of with a fine record; having discharged his duty fairly and honestly to all men. We can only hope that Mr. Hardin will make as good an officer.

Married at the residence of the bride's mother on Howards Creek by Rev. I. W. Thomas, June 26, at 3 p. m., Joseph Hayes and Miss Ann Norris.

Mr. George Finley of the Watauga hotel, stopped at the Coffee house one night this week, and says there are 105 visitors at Blowing Rock.

July 11, 1889

Some of the old war-scarred Confederate Veterans met at the courthouse in Boone and organized a Confederate Veterans' association. Capt. Jordan Cook was made chairman and D. B. Dougherty secretary. Captain Lovell explained the object of the meeting. Robert Farthing made a talk and spoke of the old Confederates in a way to arouse sympathy and enthusiasm.

John Elrod has sold his river farm to a Mr. Vannoy of Wilkes county, for \$3,600. Mr. Elrod will remain on the place until November.

Two new Farmers' Alliances were organized last week—one at Elk Valley schoolhouse with Wm. Vannoy president and J. M. Hyatt secretary, and one at Phillips' schoolhouse, with L. W. Farthing president and L. M. Farthing secretary.

July 18, 1889

The Farmers' Alliance will soon take the county if it keeps on organizing. A number of Alliances have been formed in Watauga already and in a few weeks every section will have one. Well, we are pleased about it, provided it stimulates the farmer and makes him a better farmer—more prosperous and independent. What can a county be without a good thrifty farming class?

Mr. T. A. Critcher of Bamboo proposes to give a site on Cook's Gap to anyone who will build a hotel on it. There's no finer place in the county for a summer resort.

August 1, 1889

On July 26, some 100 Alliance men with others assembled in the courthouse in Boone in the forenoon and listened to an able and instructive address from Major W. A. Graham of Lincoln county. In the afternoon a county Alliance was or-

Piedmont Festival To Open Thursday P. M.

First Program of a Series of Four Entertainments Be Given at the Courthouse This Evening at 8

In bringing the Piedmont Star Festival to Boone, the citizens of the town are presenting four great groups of musical artists. The first of these will be given at the courthouse tonight, the second Friday, third Saturday and the final number Monday evening. The entertainment will begin each evening at 8 o'clock except Saturday, when the hour has been set for 8:30. A complete program of the entertainment for four evenings will be found in an advertisement on page eight of this edition.

The Piedmont Star festival is a state institution, numbering among its artists some of the greatest in this country. The cost of this high class entertainment is guaranteed by the various business interests of the city and the people of Watauga county should feel fortunate in having brought to their doors this aggregation of musical artists. Tickets are on sale at both the Hodges Drug Store and the Boone Drug Co., and by a group of young ladies of the town. A ticket good for the four evenings may be had for only \$1.50 if bought singly the price is slightly higher. A glance at the program will convince you that never before has the Piedmont organization offered such an attractive schedule.

SUCCESS WITH CORN DEPENDS ON PREPARATION

Raleigh, March 28.—The secret success in corn growing depends on careful land preparation before planting.

"With the increase of livestock on all farms and the attention good farmers are giving to diversification of crops in the state at this time, an adequate supply of corn is essential," says C. R. Hudson, of the farm demonstration department at State College. "Corn is one of our most valuable crops and nothing is of more importance with it than thorough plowing, careful disk and adequate harrowing before planting. Often it is wise to disk the land before plowing so that it will not plow up in clods. In any event, it should be disked and harrowed immediately after plowing and before the moisture dries out. A good, mellow seed bed should be prepared at the expense of early planting, if necessary, states Mr. Hudson. Good corn growers know the importance of this.

The North Carolina experiment station advises the use of from 400 to 500 pounds of a high-grade fertilizer in a divided application if the crop is not to be top-dressed with an application of nitrate of soda. If the soda is to be used, then all the other fertilizer might be put in under the corn before planting. The soda should be applied when the corn is about knee high and before it bunches to tassle. A good application is recommended.

Mr. Hudson advises early cultivation with the use of the harrow or weeder. This destroys the early growth of weeds and grass and saves moisture. As the corn grows and the roots develop, it is unwise to cultivate deeply because the tender rootlets are found near the surface.

DODGE ANNOUNCES NEW SPORT SENIOR CABRIOLET

According to an official announcement received from the factory at Detroit by Cliff McConnell, of the McConnell Motor Company, local Dodge dealers, a new sport type Senior Cabriolet roadster is now in production and shipments are going forward to dealers as rapidly as possible.

The new car is equipped with wire wheels, the two spares being carried on the sides, resting in wells in the fenders and held in place by nickel-plated brackets extending from the cow. It is an attractive companion car to the Dodge Senior sport sedan introduced in January.

The following were elected officers of the Alliance: J. E. Finley, president; Jordan Cook, vice president; I. W. Thomas, secretary and chaplain; W. D. Norris, door keeper; M. L. McNeil, assistant door keeper; D. F. Baird, treasurer; H. A. Davis, secretary, with L. H. Mitchell assistant; Smith Norris, sergeant-at-arms; L. A. Greene, business agent.

A new postoffice by the name of Solo has been established on Meat Camp with Jonathan Moretz as postmaster.

Married at the residence of the bride's father, Tuesday 7 p. m., July 23, Mr. H. A. Dobbin and Miss Emma Miller, both of this county, the Rev. J. L. Henley officiating.

MANY CASES HEARD IN SUPERIOR COURT

With Judge Schenck Presiding, Rapid Disposition of Cases Being Made; Harmon Gets 6 to 8 Years For Bank Robbery

The spring term of Watauga superior court convened Monday morning with Judge Michael Schenck of Hendersonville presiding and Solicitor John R. Jones of Wilkesboro prosecuting for the state. Judge Schenck's charge to the grand jury was brief but to the point. His honor emphasized three outstanding duties of the inquisitorial body: (1) Passing upon all bills presented by the solicitor—violations of the law that have escaped the notice of the grand jury are cognizant. He emphasized the fact that the grand jury composed of eighteen citizens, convening twice a year, there can be no habitual violation of any law without their knowledge and in bringing such cases to the attention of the solicitor they can aid very materially in suppressing crime. (2) Examining county property, seeing that the jail and county home are kept in a sanitary condition; that the courthouse is kept in repair and records of the office of the clerk of the court and the register of deeds are properly cared for in fire-proof vaults.

Following Judge Schenck's charge the court got down to business, and Wednesday morning indications were that the criminal docket would be completed by this afternoon.

Harmon Gets 5 to 8 Years

Dewey Harmon pleaded guilty to complicity in the robbery of the Valle Crucis Bank last summer, and was given a sentence of six to eight years in the state prison. Troy Cannon is now serving a term of five years in connection with the same robbery.

Livville Eggers must do a dozen months on the highways of the state for manufacturing liquor, and Coaley Woodring must do two to three years in the state prison for store breaking.

Other Cases

Frank Shors, disturbance, \$50 and costs.

Frank Shors, carrying concealed weapon, taxed with the costs.

Frank Shors, drunkenness, \$1.00 and costs.

Linney Malton, driving car drunk, \$100 and costs.

Linney Malton, liquor, \$50 and costs.

W. H. Brown, assault, \$25 and costs.

W. A. Chambers, assault with deadly weapon, costs.

Frank Bingham, operating car without license, \$27.75 and costs.

Zollie Isaacs, abandonment, taxed with the costs.

Fred Harmon, carrying concealed weapon, \$50 and costs.

Fred Harmon, assault with deadly weapon, taxed with the costs.

Albert Hampton, assault with deadly weapon, \$100 and costs.

Hil Greene, liquor, \$50 and costs.

Joe Brown, carrying concealed weapon, \$5 and costs.

Cary Story, abduction, costs.

Glenn Clawson, liquor, \$25 and costs.

The court Wednesday morning was engaged in hearing the assault charge against Charle Cratcher.

DR. FILMORE BINGHAM DEAD

Dr. Filmore Bingham, 72, perhaps the last one of the "old school" of physicians left in Watauga county, died at his home at Amantha Sunday afternoon, following a general decline in health covering a period of several years.

For more than forty years Dr. Bingham had ministered to the ills of the suffering in Watauga and adjoining counties. His most active years of practice came before the advent of the automobile and the good roads into this mountain country, in fact such things had not been thought of. Although the roads until recent years were merely trails and the only means of locomotion a saddle horse, Dr. Bingham was faithful to his fellowman. Through the rigors of the winter weather the practitioner went, never questioning the solvency of the patient nor complaining at the snows and sleet. He rendered medical aid, consoled the bereft and acted as general counselor to his patients and, perhaps as often as otherwise with no reward or hope of reward. He loved his fellowman.

Funeral services were conducted from Henson's Chapel Monday afternoon. The house was packed with friends from over the county and those adjoining, who paid silent tribute to their fallen comrade. The service was in charge of the pastor, Rev. R. A. Taylor, who was assisted by Rev. L. A. Hurst of the Baptist church. Short tributes were paid by Hon. F. A. Linney and Rev. L. A. Wilson, after which interment was in the cemetery near the church.