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NEWS BREVITIES OF 38 YEARS AGO

Outstanding Happenings of Boone and Watauga County As Chronicled in the Columns of the Watauga Democrat

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Coffey Brothers have lost a flock of sheep, numbering between 40 and 50 head. Has some fellow drove them off and sold them or have they been muttoned?

Our young and highly esteemed young friend T. H. (Hard) Taylor, leaves today for Honduras, C. A. May his trip be a pleasant one and may his voyage be safe, and prosperity award his efforts.

The telegraph question has at last been settled. At the meeting on last Friday night, the enterprising citizens of Boone, with some very acceptable help from Blowing Rock, raised the full amount required. The line will be located this week and will be poled and wired at once.

The town commissioners have levied a real estate tax in Boone which will amount to something like \$200. It will be used to improve our streets and sidewalks.

Quite a number of Watauga's most intelligent young ladies are attending the institute.

The state teachers' institute Monday afternoon in the courthouse was opened by Prof. A. E. Alderman, devotional exercises conducted by the county superintendent, I. W. Thomas, after which Prof. Alderman was introduced, and explained the object of the institute and gave an outline of the week's work, there being 40 teachers present. Last night a public debate was held in the courthouse in which several gentlemen participated. The subject discussed was, "Resolved, That North Carolina should have a compulsory school law." W. M. Fraumum championed the affirmative, and John H. Bingham the negative. Messrs. D. B. Dougherty, I. L. Council and M. B. Blackburn were judges and rendered a decision in favor of the affirmative. J. F. Spainhour made an able speech on the negative.

NO MATERIAL CHANGES TO BE MADE IN EQUALIZATION FUND

Very few material changes will be made in the allotments of the several counties from the equalization fund when the equalization board meets in June, it was said here yesterday by Dr. B. B. Dougherty, member of the board and co-author of the bill establishing the fund. "Some changes will be made," Dr. Dougherty said, "but they will not be radical. They will be only adjustments of the allotments already made."

In view of the operation of the fund during its first year, Dr. Dougherty said, "The system has been very satisfactory from all standpoints. Gradually the people of the state are being educated as to the real meaning and purpose of the fund. As they become more familiar with its purposes, we shall hear less complaint about its operation. "The fund will operate more satisfactorily the longer it remains in force, because with every meeting of the board, some of the allotments are readjusted. Hence, we approach nearer to absolute fairness every year."

LAYMEN'S MEETING AT BOONE M. E. CHURCH

Following is a program for the laymen's meeting to be held in the Boone Methodist church, Sunday afternoon, May 20, beginning at 2:30 o'clock. While the meeting is expressly for church and church leaders from the counties of Watauga and Avery, all those who can be invited to attend and hear these important subjects discussed. All church men are invited. The program is as follows:

- 2:30—Devotional by Rev. C. H. Moser.
- 2:40—Purpose of the meeting, by the chairman.
- 2:45—"The Methodist Layman," by W. H. Worth.
- 3:00—The lay leader at work, by Rev. Seymour Taylor.
- 3:20—Reports from charges.
- 3:40—Importance of organized lay-activities, by E. A. Linney.
- 4:00—Benediction.

TAXES FOR 1928 MUST BE LISTED DURING THIS MONTH

Under the provisions of the statutes of North Carolina, all property must be listed for taxation for the year 1928 during the month of May, says Henry J. Hardin, county tax supervisor. Mr. Hardin has endeavored to make the listing places in each township as convenient as possible and insists that all property owners make out their lists as early as possible in order that the county expenses in this connection may be lowered. Failure to abide by this order will result in increased costs to property owners.

L. R. Gibson, former chief of police of High Point, who resigned under fire several weeks ago, was found dead beside his automobile in that city Sunday morning. His death was attributed to heart failure.

School Closing at Blowing Rock

1927-28 Session Came to Close Friday Night, When 14 Graduates Received Diplomas; Dr. Dougherty Speaks

By RUPERT GILLET
Blowing Rock, May 16.—Commencement exercises of the Blowing Rock school were held in the auditorium of the school building Friday night. The program was opened with the invocation by Rev. C. H. Moser. Dr. B. B. Dougherty was then introduced by J. T. Miller, chairman of the school board. Dr. Dougherty delivered the commencement address.

Then came the class program, as follows: Welcome, Grayson Story; prophecy, Maude Powell; poem, Doris White; will, Virginia Coffey; valedictory, Joe Bolick. County Superintendent Hagaman then presented diplomas to the following graduates: Doris White, Edith White, Virginia Coffey, Maude Powell, Elizabeth Walters, Dorothy Torgue, Ethel Hollors, Grayson Story, Joe Bolick, Duke Bolick, Doc Cannon, Sidney Cannon, Harland Greene and Edward Coffey.

All-year Primary School.
Blowing Rock is to have an all-year primary school doing standard work throughout the twelve months. The first summer session will begin June 1 under the tutelage of Mrs. Addie Sale, primary teacher in the Blowing Rock consolidated school. As far as is known here, this is the first all-year primary public school, doing approved standard work, to be established in North Carolina. It has been begun here because the winter climate makes it difficult for many small children to attend school throughout the winter. These may make up their work during the summer. The school will also take care of children of any summer residents who wish to attend.

Mrs. Sale received her training in primary teaching at the Horace Mann school in New York and at the University of North Carolina.

Theatre Nearing Completion.
The Carolina theatre building is rapidly approaching completion, with only the interior finishings yet to be done. The theater, it is said by the owners, will be open some time early in June. Only first run pictures of the better class will be shown, the managers said. Some vaudeville may also be shown from time to time.

School Pupils Have Picnic

A large crowd of pupils of the Blowing Rock high school enjoyed a lively picnic Monday at Linville Falls. The crowd left here early Monday morning and spent the day climbing to the views and descending into the gorge. Dinner was enjoyed on the cliffs of the lower falls. On the way home, the crowd stopped at the roadside and roasted weiners and toasted marshmallows before returning to Blowing Rock.

Those in the party were Edna Miller, Lucille Coffey, Margaret Sudderrth, Virginia Sudderrth, Elizabeth Sudderrth, Annie Coffey, Maude Mays, Omer Coffey, Frank Klutz, Lois Klutz, William Lentz, Glenn Coffey, Paul Foster, Clarence Greene, Donald Greene, Bynum Crisp, William Holzshouser, Miss Pearl Webb, A. E. Mercer, Mr. and Mrs. Rupert Gillett and Mrs. Silas Nicholson of Winston-Salem.

Rocking Yonahlossee in Avery

Crushed rock is being laid on the Yonahlossee road in Avery county, but that section is not being widened. It is the understanding here that the road is to be made of standard width only from Blowing Rock to the Avery county line. Surveyors, working from Linville toward Blowing Rock, had reached the city limits of Blowing Rock Tuesday.

Barked Inn Nearing Completion

The Barked Inn, latest of the additions to Blowing Rock's summer inns, will be completed in a week or so and will be opened for guests as soon as it can be furnished. It will be operated by Mrs. Lou Greene.

Give Play at Newland

The play "Sunshine," which was given in Blowing Rock several weeks ago, was repeated in Newland Tuesday night by the same cast, with some changes. The play was presented by the Tuesday Afternoon club of Blowing Rock and was under the personal direction of Mrs. E. C. Underdown.

School Licks Town

In an exciting ten-inning game last Saturday, the Blowing Rock school baseball team defeated the town team by a score of 11 to 9. Although both teams were a little out of practice, they played good ball and made some neat plays, among which was a double play by the high school team. Bynum Crisp got the longest hit, a home run to left field.

The Line-ups:

High school: Donald Greene, rf; Bynum Crisp, c; Clarence Greene, 2b; Lawrence Bolick, 3b; William Lentz, p; William Holzshouser, ss; Stewart Bolick, cf; Grayson Story, lf; Glenn Coffey, lb.
Town: Fred Mays, cf; Ray, 3b; L. Ross, ss; Howard Oxentine, c; Munk Ward, 1b; G. Lentz, p; Spencer Greene, 2b; Ed Pitts, rf; Claud Greene and E. K. Jenkins, lf.

The score by innings:
H. S. 000 310 140 2—11
Town 111 020 220 0—9

Birthday Party

A large number of boys and girls were the guests of Bill Klutz at a

Will Be Choice Democracy at Houston?



ALFRED E. SMITH

Alfred Emmanuel Smith was born on December 30, 1874, in an old tenement in New York City. As a small boy, he sold newspapers. His father died when Alfred was only thirteen years of age, leaving the boy's mother and younger sister to his care.

He started work in his father's trucking business. Later he took a job helping one of the men who had a stall at the Fulton Fish Market. Still later he was a laborer in the employ of a steam pump company.

In 1900 he married Catherine A. Donn, and their union has been blessed with five children.

In 1903 he was first elected to the New York state assembly. From then until 1915 he served in the legislature for twelve successive terms. During this time he became majority leader in the assembly, then floor leader of the minority, then speaker. He served on many important committees.

Notable Speakers to be Present at American Legion Gathering Here Friday Evening

The Watauga post of the American Legion and the Legion Auxiliary will entertain all ex-service men in the county at the courthouse Friday night with a program in which some of the most distinguished men in the state will be speakers.

Albert L. Cox, department commander of North Carolina, will speak on the subject, "The American Legion and Why Every Ex-Service Man Should Join It."

F. A. Hutchinson, state service officer, will speak on the ex-service man's compensation claim and the relation of his services to the ex-service men of Watauga county.

WORK ON CITY HALL WILL BEGIN BY FIRST OF JUNE

Sealed bids were received Saturday for the construction of the new city hall. Several local contractors submitted figures on the job and the accepted bid was not announced until Tuesday. Mr. W. H. Gragg was awarded the contract for the sum of \$5,454. Mr. B. H. Moody who is regularly employed by Mr. Gragg as a builder will be the superintendent of construction, while the brick work will be sub-contracted to McGhee Brothers.

Actual construction will begin as soon as some minor details can be arranged, probably not later than the first of June.

The North Carolina supreme court last Wednesday ordered a new trial for Larry Newsome, Wayne county negro, convicted of murdering 14-year-old Benlah Tedder, and sentenced by Judge Grady to die in the electric chair. It will be remembered that this case was tried on Sunday, because of the intense feeling in Wayne county against the negro.

Rev. Creasey K. Proctor, pastor of the First Methodist church of Rocky Mount has been selected to succeed the late R. L. Brown as superintendent of the Oxford Masonic orphanage. The choice of Dr. Proctor was made by the board of trustees some time ago, but his acceptance was not received until last week.

W. C. Newland Heads A. S. N. S. Trustees

Succeeds T. H. Coffey, Resigned as President of Board; G. P. Hagaman Vice President

The annual meeting of the board of trustees of the Appalachian State Normal was held in the school office at Boone, Friday, May 11. Hon. T. H. Coffey, president of the board, had recently resigned to become a member of the board of agriculture, and G. P. Hagaman was appointed in his stead. The Hon. Hugh A. Cranor of Wilkesboro was another new member, succeeding Mr. Sanfords of Charlotte who died a year ago. Governor W. C. Newland was elected president of the board of trustees. G. P. Hagaman vice president, J. M. Barnhardt, W. C. Newland, G. P. Hagaman were elected executive committee.

It was in 1903 that W. C. Newland represented Caldwell county in the legislature. At that time he introduced the bill to establish this college and engineered it through the house and the senate, thus establishing the institution. It is fitting now that after twenty-five years that he should become president of the board of trustees. This will be pleasing to the institution and will meet with public approval of the entire state. We are informed that the trustees had an all day session on that it was harmonious from beginning to end.

The vacation time of the Appalachian State Normal School is taken up with preparation for the summer school. Applications are coming in daily. There are only a few more rooms in the dormitories, but the town, through the Civic Club, is in readiness to take care of all who care to come.

May, 1928, high school graduates are coming, due perhaps to the fact that this summer quarter is the last opportunity in North Carolina for securing a certificate upon twelve weeks summer school training. After this it will require thirty-six weeks.

Members of the faculty are being kept busy as speakers at high school commencements.

It seems that an increasing number of young men are making application for summer school work in the Normal, due in part, perhaps to the fact that the school has been unable for the past two or three years to supply all the calls for men to serve as school principals.

DEMOCRATS OF COUNTY WILL MEET ON JUNE 9

The Democratic convention for Watauga county will be held in the courthouse here on Saturday, June 9, according to the official call issued last week by J. L. Wilson, chairman of the county executive committee.

The township primaries will be held on Saturday, May 26, at 2 o'clock for the purpose of electing delegates to the county convention. In the event of failure to hold meetings in any precincts, all Democrats from those precincts who attend the county convention will be seated as delegates and entitled in case the vote of the precinct in the convention.

The convention is to be held for the purpose of electing delegates to the state convention to be held at Raleigh on Tuesday, June 12, to those precinct committees for such precincts as shall fail to name such bodies at the precinct meetings, and to transact any and all other business that may come before the convention.

Watauga county is entitled to 16 delegates and 16 alternates to the state convention to be held in Raleigh, and each precinct is entitled to one delegate to the county convention for every 25 Democratic votes cast in the last general election.

ANTI-SMITH CANDIDATE FINED FOR DRUNKENNESS

Arthur Palmadze, Abernethy, mayor of Rutherford College, and candidate for the nomination for congress against Congressman A. L. Fulwinkle, running on an anti-Smith platform, was up in Rowan county court at Salisbury Saturday charged with driving an automobile while under the influence of liquor. He pleaded guilty of being under the influence of some kind of intoxicants and was fined \$100 and barred from operating a car in Rowan county for three months.

Mr. Abernethy stated that he had addressed a large body of citizens in a nearby city the night of April 28, before coming to Salisbury, where he was arrested and that feeling fatigued he had taken some stimulant which contained intoxicants.

LEES-McRAE FINALS WILL BEGIN SATURDAY NIGHT

The commencement exercises at Lees-McRae Institute, Banner, E. K., will begin Saturday evening, May 19, with the alumnae banquet, following which James P. Gillespie of New York city will deliver the literary address.

The baccalaureate sermon will be on Sunday morning and the closing exercises on Monday night, at which time ten girls and one boy will graduate from the school and three nurses from the hospital.

An unusually large number of visitors are expected.

POLITICAL EVENTS OF THE PAST WEEK

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

Hoover Loses Indiana
Tabulation of the vote in the rural sections of Indiana in last Tuesday's Indiana preferential primary, gives Senator Thomas E. Watson a majority of approximately 20,000 over Secretary of Commerce Hoover. Earlier returns indicated that Hoover had carried the state, the larger centers of population giving him a substantial lead over the Indiana senator, but the rural districts overcame this lead with the result that Hoover will not receive the Hoosier state's vote in the Kansas City convention, at least not until they are released by Watson.

Simmons For Hull
Senator F. M. Simmons, boss of the North Carolina Democratic organization announces that he will support Representative Cordell Hull of Tennessee for the nomination for the presidency.

Campaign Expenditures
Governor Alfred E. Smith, leading candidate for the Democratic presidential nomination, testified Thursday before the special senate campaign funds committee, that he had spent no money and made no effort of any kind to further his cause. He had done a single thing about the campaign, seen in his own state, he testified, Smith told Senator Stephen P. McPherson, Oregon, and chairman of the committee, the people of New York when I was inaugurated that I would not go out of the state but would give my time to the affairs of the state. And believe me, that takes a great amount of my time.

Smith said he knew of no organization outside of New York state, and that neither B. Van Name, public service commissioner of New York state, was in charge of that.

However, Mr. Van Name told the senators that \$103,410 had been received by the New York organization for the governor, and \$92,000 had been expended.

Herbert Hoover, testifying before the committee, said he had probably spent \$200 in his campaign for the presidential nomination.

However, when James W. Wood, former representative from Iowa, was called before the committee he said that at least \$225,000 had been expended in behalf of the candidacy of Mr. Hoover for the Republican nomination. Good, who recently was appointed directing manager of the campaign of the secretary of commerce, testified that approximately \$15,000 had been spent by Hoover's national headquarters in Washington and by organizations in 14 states.

Ed S. Villmoare of Kansas City, treasurer of the campaign organization of Senator Reed, testified that the total receipts by his organization had been \$35,414, and that the expenditures from last November first to May 3 had been \$31,196.15. Other candidates or their campaign managers have testified to various sums being used in their behalf, ranging from a few dollars up.

Utah and Nevada For Smith
By unanimous vote the Nevada democratic state convention Friday endorsed the candidacy of Governor Alfred E. Smith for the Democratic nomination for president. Utah also will cast seven of its eight votes for the New York governor.

30 More for Smith
Michigan's thirty votes in the Democratic national convention at Houston last Wednesday were pledged to Governor Al. Smith as long as his name is before the convention.

Standing of the Candidates
Of the 1,089 delegates to the Republican national convention, 870 actually have been selected, leaving 219 still to be chosen, says the Associated Press survey of the political situation. A majority, 545, is needed to nominate.

Of the 1,110 Democratic convention delegates, 774 have been designated and 336 remain to be selected. Two-thirds, or 733, is required for the nomination.

The total after each candidate's name in the following table represents delegates already selected who are instructed, pledged or claimed by him, and not the number conceded to him by opponents.

In a number of states claims overlap, two or more candidates claiming the same delegates, and the total of their claims in some instances exceeds the size of the entire delegation. The line-up:

Republican
Hoover—446, of which 181 are in dispute.
Lowden—252, of which 68 are in dispute.
Curtis—46, of which 22 are in dispute.
Norris—38, of which 16 are in dispute.
Borah—11.
Watson—3.

Democrats
Smith—559½, of which 79½ are in dispute.
Reed—117, of which 81 are in dispute.
Yomerene—47.
George—28.

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