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News of Week in and About Blowing Rock

Hundreds of Visitors at Resort Town For the Glorious Fourth, Playing Golf and Enjoying Other Sports; Girls' Camps Open for Season

Blowing Rock, July 12.—A crowd of visitors, probably running into the thousands, visited Blowing Rock last Wednesday for the holiday, although no formal celebration program was carried out. Most of the visitors spent their time on the golf course, motoring, horseback riding, hiking and bowling. The Blowing Rock fire department gave a practice demonstration in the afternoon. The only other event was the baseball game between Bamboo and Blowing Rock, which was won by the home team by a score of 21 to 3. In justice to Bamboo, however, it should be said that they did not have all of their regular team here and had to use a number of substitutes. The lineup: Bamboo—G. Cook, R. Barnes, P. Cook, R. Hampton, J. Cook, H. Greene, C. Hodges, D. Cook, J. Cook; Blowing Rock—H. Oxentine, E. Lentz, B. Holschoucr, B. Lentz, M. Ward, R. Lentz, L. Bolick, F. Mays, Skinner.

The two girls' camps here, Aloh-wes-tee, conducted by Miss Mary C. Thompson of Charlotte, and Yonahlossee, conducted by Dr. A. P. Kephart of Greensboro, have started the season with a varied round of activities. The Aloh-wes-tee girls have had a hay ride, a hike to Grandfather Mountain, and a Fourth of July party. The Yonahlossee girls enjoyed a picnic dinner on the Coffey lawn last week.

The work of widening Wonderland Drive from Green Park to Five Points has been almost completed by John Pitts, the contractor. The road is now 24 feet wide through-out this section and is well graded. Lonesome Trail, one of the most beautiful hiking trails in the resort, has been improved throughout its length by workmen employed by the Blowing Rock Chamber of Commerce. The trail is now in the best condition for hikers, and is said to be better than when it was first constructed.

Services were held Sunday at all of the Blowing Rock churches. Rev. Walter L. Lingle of Richmond, Va., conducted the services at the Presbyterian church. Rev. M. Lumpkin was heard at the Baptist church, and Rev. C. H. Moser preached at the Methodist church. Episcopal services were conducted by the rector, Rev. James P. Burke.

Among the entertaining done in honor of Mrs. Thomas Coffey, Jr., a recent bride, was a dinner party last Wednesday evening at the home of Mrs. C. S. Prevette, at which Mrs. Prevette and Miss Lena Reeves were joint hostesses. The table was attractively decorated with a centerpiece of roses flanked by candeliers. After the dinner a pleasant evening was spent by the guests, who were Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Coffey, Jr., Miss Ellen Coffey, Miss Dorothy Hayes, C. S. Prevette, Louise Prevette and Mr. and Mrs. Rupert Gillett.

The Lenoir Kiwanis Club will be the guests of T. H. Bryhill at May-view Manor on the evening of July 17 at 7:30. A varied program is planned for the evening. Among the entertainments will be Prof. I. G. Greer and Mrs. Greer of Boone in their repertoire of mountain folk songs.

A. M. Criteher, town tax collector, announces that all 1927 taxes must be paid by the first of August, or else the property of delinquent taxpayers will have to be sold after that date. No further extension of time will be granted.

WANT MEMBERSHIP OF HOUSE REAPPORTIONED

Washington, July 10.—An appeal to members of the house to give early consideration to legislation proposing a reapportionment was made today by Representative McLeod, Republican, of Michigan.

In a letter to his colleagues, the Michigan representative declared the legislation should be of a non-partisan character and urged that the supporters of the re-apportionment plan organize for "immediate and effective action" at the next session of congress.

UPSHAW DISQUALIFIES HIMSELF AS DEMOCRAT

Atlanta, Ga., July 10.—Former Congressman William D. Upshaw, widely known dry, has disqualified himself as a candidate for congress from the fifth Georgia district in the Democratic primary on September 12, because of his announced intention not to support Governor Smith, the party nominee for president. William S. Howard, chairman of the fifth district Democratic executive committee, declared tonight in a formal statement:

POLITICAL EVENTS OF THE PAST WEEK

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

Moses Claims Three Congressmen in North Carolina

Washington, July 9.—Senator Moses, the Hoover manager for the eastern states, believes the solid south will be safe for Smith, but that the Democrats will lose at least eight members of congress from North Carolina, Alabama, Florida and Texas. His estimate is that the Republicans will gain three members in North Carolina, but he did not mention the districts he expects his party to capture. However, it is understood he referred to the tenth, eighth and seventh, represented respectively by Zebulon Weaver, Robt. L. Doughton and W. C. Hammer.

It was said here today that there is a good deal of dissension in all the ten districts in the state as regards the Smith-Robinson ticket but in some of the other districts there is more of it than in any one of the three named above. It is believed by some observers here that the state is more likely to vote for Hoover than is any one of the districts to send a Republican representative to the house.

Smith Working on Farm Relief

New York, July 9.—Governor Alfred E. Smith announced today that if he is elected president in November he will call a conference for the study of the farm problem at once, without waiting for his inauguration, so that he will be ready to transmit to congress at its opening session a definite program of farm relief.

"As to agriculture," he telegraphed W. H. Settle, president of the Indiana farm bureau federation, who had wired for the governor's "personal position" on the agricultural plank in the Democratic platform. "I stand squarely on the pledges given by the Democratic party at Houston. I understand and sympathize with the objects which organized agriculture is struggling to attain and which our party has promised to help them secure. If the election returns disclose that I have been chosen president, I will not wait until I am inaugurated before acting on this problem. I will, immediately after the election, call a conference of leaders to commence at once and continue work to assist me to develop a concrete plan embodying the principles of the Houston platform so that I may transmit to congress at its opening session a definite accompaniment by suggestions for the necessary legislation to make it effective."

Republicans Pick Tariff as Issue

Herbert Hoover's presidential campaign will be wrought over the protective tariff, according to a statement by Dr. Hubert Work, chairman of the Republican national committee. The old-fashioned full dinner pail will form the basis of the Republican attack, while prohibition and the equalization fee phase of farm relief are to be subordinate campaign projects.

Wet and dry issues, according to Work, will bring more Republican votes than Democratic. He quoted one visitor as saying: "If the Democrats won, nobody would have the price to buy a drink anyway."

Of the farm needs, he said, "it is difficult for me to believe farmers are in such distress as pictured, with wheat bringing \$1.80, cotton at 35 cents, wheat at \$1.45, hogs at high price and everything else the farmer sells bringing good prices."

Democrats Win Some Republicans

The Chicago Daily Journal last Thursday printed a telegram from A. A. McMullen, Republican governor of Nebraska and leader at the Republican national convention, replying to a request from the newspaper for his opinion on the Houston convention. Governor McMullen's reply follows:

"Answering your wire, the agricultural plank in the Democratic national platform is satisfactory to the farm organizations because it embodies specifically the provisions of the McNary-Haugen bill although it does not use the term equalization fee.

"It provides first for a federal farm board as did the McNary-Haugen bill; second, in the following language, 'Appropriate government aid to co-operative associations in the form of credit loans on a parity with the terms of loans authorized recently by the government to aid shipping.'"

"Third, in the following language: 'We pledge the party to an honest endeavor to solve this problem of distribution of the cost of dealing with crop surpluses over the marketed units of the crops whose producers are benefited by such assistance,' it provides for the equalization fee provision of the McNary-Haugen bill.

Albert Wilson Killed in Train-Auto Collision

Tragedy Occurred Near Cleveland, Ohio, July 4. When Car Was Molished at Grade Crossing; Moment at Brushy Fork Monday

Funeral services for Albert Wilson, who was killed July 4th, near Cleveland, Ohio, when an automobile in which he was riding collided with a fast New York Central train, was conducted Monday afternoon from Brushy Fork Baptist church, interment being made in the Brushy Fork cemetery. The service was conducted by Rev. Will O. Gordon, D. D., and was attended by one of the largest crowds ever seen at a funeral in this county. The floral offerings were profuse and very beautiful.

Information received by relatives here is that Mr. Wilson, in company with a young lady, were driving out in the country, some 40 miles from Cleveland. They had driven up to a grade crossing and waited for a freight train to pass; a car in front passed over the track and waved to Mr. Wilson to stop, but he failed to see the warning, and a fast train, coming in the opposite direction from which the freight was moving, hit the automobile, completely demolishing it and instantly killing both occupants.

Mr. Wilson was 22 years of age, the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Frank Wilson of Vilas, and besides his parents is survived by four brothers and one sister, Fred C. Ralph, Forrest, Jerry and Elizabeth Wilson.

THIRTIETH DIVISION IN REUNION AT CAMP JACKSON

Columbia, S. C., July 9.—Camp Jackson today became a blistering city of tennis as the Thirtieth Division (Old Hickory) nearly ten thousand strong, poured into camp, having its first reunion as a complete division since the World war.

Already five thousand of the national guardsmen have taken up camp routine. They came from Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina and Tennessee.

WASTE BY EROSION

The value of plant food wasted in the erosion or washing away of soils on the farms of the United States is estimated by scientists in the U. S. department of agriculture as in excess of \$2,000,000 a year. This estimate is based on the value of the principal chemical constituents—nitrogen, phosphoric acid and potash—as they are purchasable in the cheapest kinds of commercial fertilizers and does not take into account the value of the soil as an agency for making use of these plant foods.

"This sum is more than twenty times the value of all the plant food removed by growing crops," says the department. "The real soil miner is not the one who grows crop after crop of the same kind without replacing plant food, but rather the one who allows his precious soil to be washed away, his land to be gullied and destroyed, or the topsoil to be removed by sheet erosion. Some of the practices responsible for this tremendous annual loss, immediate and to posterity, are unwise clearing of areas which should remain in forest, unwise breaking for cultivation of sloping fields subject to erosion, unwise cultivation of soils that erode easily and failure to terrace lands that could be saved by intelligent management."

Fire started by sparks falling in a pile of shavings, destroyed a lumber plant and two dwelling houses in Yadkinville Tuesday, the loss being estimated at about \$12,000.

"The equalization fee provision of that bill simply planned a method whereby the farmer could distribute any surpluses of crops produced at his own expense without governmental subsidy or bonus. That is the heart of the legislation the farmers demand. It places the farming industry on a respectable basis. This plank should have been incorporated in the Republican national platform as it would be in keeping with the fundamental doctrine of protection upon which the Republican party is founded."

Hoover Ready to Quit Washington

Washington, July 8.—His campaign organization set up, Herbert Hoover was ready today to fix definitely his plans for going to Palo Alto, Calif., where he will receive formal notification of his nomination. Organization of an advisory board to handle the battle on the eastern front completed at a conference of national committeemen from that section yesterday, and the appointment of James E. Good as western campaign manager has put the Republican machine on a working basis. Arrangement of this organization has been one of the things keeping Mr. Hoover at his post here during the torrid July weather, but with the sun beating down a little hotter than ever today he was reported as ready to pack up for the trip west.

ROUGH SECRET OF SMITH'S SUCCESS

Has Fought From Cradle for Title of 'Happy Warrior'; Never Loses Human Qualities That Make Him Just 'Al' to Thousands

Albany, N. Y., July 10.—Alfred E. Smith, the "happy warrior" whom the Democratic party nominated the other day for the presidency, won that title by a struggle against imposing odds that began almost in his cradle, but which was never able to break his genial spirit.

In his steep climb from the obscurity of a fatherless boy on New York's lower East Side—without education, money, influence, and with a widowed mother to support—the candidacy for the highest position in the United States, Smith never lost the "human" qualities that have made him "Al" to the hundreds of thousands.

Some of his friends believe that one of the secrets of his success has been that he always retained the ability to laugh at himself, to joke about his struggles once they were safely won.

His conversation and his addresses of the present day teem with humorous references to the hard days when he was a newsboy, a fish market clerk, a factory office boy. With a long cigar firmly clasped in his teeth and with one of the brown derbies that have been called his campaign war bonnet, perched jauntily on his head, he delights to recall the battles against obscurity and poverty that he fought and won.

At such times his speech is again the talk of the man in the street, spiced with a tang, and rife with the details of fights in a good cause well fought.

It is Smith's philosophy of life that anything worth while must be fought for and the fact that it is only won by a struggle makes it more desirable. He likes to think of himself as the fighter and never misses an opportunity to preach the gospel of fighting for the ends one believes are justified.

"I am no coming dove," he once said, "and I never will be. Everything I ever got in the world I had to fight for; I don't have it handed to me on a gold platter."

But although Smith has fought all his life for his principles and positions, he is not in any way the pugnacious type. The number of his close friends testified by that, as does the fact that his family life has been uniformly harmonious.

He has always been a "family man" and the members of his family know him as a kind and indulgent husband and father. He married Katherine Dunn of New York when he was earning but \$75 a month and they have been inseparable ever since. Their five children have grown to maturity but have never grown away from the parental home.

His friends say that the man who has suffered defeat but once in a political career of 25 years is the effect of not one man, but a whole group of men. They say that he is at the same time the political warrior, the gentle husband and father, the flaming campaigner, the devout member of the church, the genial raconteur, and half a dozen other personalities.

He is noted for his ability to adopt himself to his surroundings and "talk the language" of the persons with whom he happens to be thrown into contact at the moment. He can discuss government with noted statesmen, or baseball with a street urchin with equal facility and, for each encounter, he uses the language fitted to the occasion.

Some observers during the week of the convention were inclined to feel that he did not do complete justice to the seriousness of the situation, because he joked while his political fate was hanging in the balance, because he danced with glee and joy when his name was placed in nomination, because he "wise-cracked" even during the tense moments of the balloting that selected him as the standard bearer of Democracy.

But persons who have known him throughout his career, pointed out that all these manifestations did not mean that he was not aware of the import of affairs, or that he considered them lightly.

It was explained, they said, by the fact that once again he was in a fight for something that he wanted and was exuberantly jubilant at being in the thick of battle, that he was, in short, only demonstrating once more the aptness of the appellation of "the happy warrior."

Not Properly Preserved

Their acquaintance ripened into love And then, alas, it got Quite over-ripe; at least there came A time when it seemed all rot.

She—Didn't you say her acting was just lovely?
He—N; I said she was a lovely actress.

Co. S. S. Convention Will Meet Aug. 9-10

Interdenominational Gathering at Mount Vernon Baptist Church Next Month Will Be Addressed by Many Notable Speakers

Announcement is made that the Watauga County Sunday School Association will meet in annual session Thursday and Friday, August 9 and 10, with the Mt. Vernon Baptist church, five miles east of Boone.

Outside speakers helping in the convention will be Miss Daisy Magee of Raleigh, children's division superintendent of the North Carolina Sunday School Association, and Miss Freda Bose of Louisville, Ky., for the past four years educational director of New Orleans, La., council of religious education.

Also helping on the program will be several of the best known Sunday School workers in the county. The convention is interdenominational, and workers from all Sunday schools in the county are invited to participate in the work.

In charge of the arrangements for the convention are E. N. Hahn, president, and N. L. Harrison, secretary of the county organization. These officers are requesting the co-operation of all pastors, superintendents and other Sunday school leaders in the effort to make the convention a success.

The officers have announced that again this year a pennant will be presented to the Sunday School having in the convention the largest number of representatives, sixteen years of age and over, according to the number of miles traveled. It is expected that there will be much friendly competition for the pennant among the Sunday schools of the county.

HOOPER SCORED FOR FAILURE TO ANSWER FARM QUERY

Indianapolis, Ind., July 10.—William H. Settle, president of the Indiana Farm Bureau Federation, declared today that failure of Herbert Hoover, Republican presidential candidate, to answer a telegram asking his personal stand on the farm relief question will be taken to mean that Hoover is going to stand by the platform as adopted at the Kansas City convention. The telegram sent to Hoover by Settle declared that "the agricultural plank of the Republican platform is very unsatisfactory to the farmers."

CIVITAN CLUB WILL MEET TONIGHT AT N. I. MAST'S

At the weekly luncheon of the Boone Civitan Club last Thursday, the invitation of Mesdames Paul G. Spaulhour and J. B. Mast to hold this week's meeting on the beautiful lawn at the home of Mr. N. I. Mast on Clear Creek was enthusiastically accepted, and this (Thursday) evening at 8:30, the members of the organization, their wives and their sweethearts, will gather for a "Feed" that will, if such thing is possible, surpass anything the members of the organization has enjoyed during the one year of its existence. Cars will leave the Clutcher Hotel promptly at 7 o'clock, so as to reach Mr. Mast's at 8:30, the hour set for the dinner.

Prof. J. G. Greer, moved that anyone who tried to make a speech at this week's meeting should be fined \$35, whereupon Rev. J. P. Burke suggested that it be made \$150 if Prof. Greer tried to "shoot his lip." So there will hardly be any speech-making, and the members, their wives and friends, are assured of a very delightful evening in "the Egypt" of Watauga.

The main feature of last week's meeting was the very interesting paper on "Tuberculosis," prepared and read by Dr. J. B. Hagaman, which is printed elsewhere in this issue.

Following the transaction of routine business, interesting talks were made by guests of the club, Attorney J. F. Dickey of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., Mr. Welch of Chatham county, and Mr. Sprinkle, of the Sprinkle Oil Company, Lenoir.

MUCH SUFFERING CAUSED BY HEAT IN EAST CAROLINA

Kinston, July 10.—During the most persistent hot spell the eastern part of this state has experienced in years the temperature has not exceeded 100 degrees, but there has been much suffering and some few casualties.

The humidity has been intense since July 1. Temperatures have ranged from 94 to 99 degrees here, while the mercury has attained 100 degrees in one or two localities east of here.

A hotter spell in June, when the mercury registered as high as 103 degrees, brought no such discomfort as the present wave.

Denied the Allegation

"I hear that you said I was the biggest fool in town."
"No, sir, I did not. I do not consider you capable of taking first rank in anything."

SENTIMENT IN WEST STRONG FOR SMITH

Republican and Independent Voters Dissatisfied With Two Last Republican Administrations, Will Vote For Smith in November

By ROB RIVERS
Traveling as I did through the middle western and Rocky Mountain regions during the period in which the two major political parties held their conventions and named their presidential candidates, I was forcibly impressed by the feeling which was manifested toward the two men who are so shortly to enter into a death grapple for the White House honors. I happened to be in the city of Denver when the nomination of Herbert Hoover was a certainty. The naming of the commerce secretary seemed to have been taken as a foregone conclusion and there was little enthusiasm. Out of the large crowds of tourists from various sections of the country who frequented the hotel lobbies, a surprisingly small per cent lent an attentive ear to the radio accounts of the Kansas City conclave. Hoover was the man, his nomination was assured prior to the opening of the convention and while his friends were satisfied, they were not jubilant. However, when the news of Governor Smith's victory was broadcast the bonds of silence were broken and there were friendly arguments on every hand.

Strange to say, however, conversations centering about the New York executive were carried on for the greatest part in a very friendly spirit. I failed to find a Democrat opposed to his election but conversed with groups of Republicans who, while not discrediting their nominee, declared their intention of voting for Smith in November. Especially through the farming regions of Indiana, Illinois, Iowa and Nebraska did this condition exist. The city Republicans favored Smith, principally because of his prohibition attitude and his record of honesty in governmental affairs. The farm population seems to value the two planks on farm relief as about equally balanced, but lean to Smith as the candidate most likely to carry out the platform in this connection, if elected. Great dissatisfaction is expressed among this element on account of the fact that the Republican party gave agriculture vague promises during eight years and nothing more. They appreciate the fact that in New York state, Governor Smith has always fulfilled campaign promises. In every instance where I was present when a poll of sentiment was taken, regardless of whether the assembly was Republican or Democratic, Smith feeling predominated. On a train coming to Chicago from Denver a check showed that of 14 passengers on one car, 10 favored Smith. I was the only Southerner present, most of the passengers were from Illinois and Pennsylvania and almost solid Republican. I could recite other instances as interesting as this along the same line and will mention no further fact that in the sections I visited there was no evidence of local women organizations fighting Smith or of ministers becoming involved in the fight. Some of the Catholic clergymen, however, have thrown down their allegiance to the G. O. P. this year and will support Smith because of the attacks of Senator Hefflin of Alabama. Should the Catholic vote go Democratic this year, the result would be very interesting, in view of the fact that the strongest Catholic states are in New England, where there are as many as two to one over the Protestants, and where the Democratic party has never polled a victory.

These brief observations are not intended as a forecast that Governor Smith will be the next president of the United States but are submitted merely as the feeling of the people with whom I came in contact and passed along for whatever they may be worth. To say the least the feeling that is abroad over the land would indicate that the election this year will be a different proposition from the two previous ones when there was no fight to be made by the G. O. P. With some southern exceptions, where the Democratic majority is so overwhelming that no state can hardly be lost, it appears that there is absolute harmony in the Democratic ranks and that they will be supplemented by hordes of Republican and independent voters. Whatever the outcome of the campaign may be, the country is promised perhaps the most colorful campaign of its history.

Asheville, July 10.—Itacolumite, a rare flexible limestone, has been discovered at the south end of Linville mountain in Burke county. Specimens of the queer rubber-like rock were brought to the Asheville chamber of Commerce by Arthur M. Miller, former professor of geology at the University of Kentucky. The lime is Cambrian flexible limestone.