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POLITICAL EVENTS OF THE PAST WEEK

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

Prohibition Will Figure in State G. O. P. Drive

The continuance of prohibition without tinkering with the Volstead act or the 18th amendment will be the paramount issue of the Republican party campaign in North Carolina for the presidency and for state and congressional offices, it is indicated by a letter sent by Brownlow Jackson, chairman of the state Republican executive committee, to all members of the committee, outlining plans upon which the campaign will be pressed.

While Chairman Jackson does not say so directly, his letter intimates that this issue will also bring up the question of Tammany Hall and the things it stands for as exemplified in Governor Alfred E. Smith, the Democratic nominee.

Besides the committee members the letter goes to Republican candidates for office and other officials of the party and while not the opening gun of the G. O. P. in the forthcoming campaign, it is considered a preliminary shot and an early bid for Democratic support for Herbert Hoover, the Republican presidential candidate.

Expect 100,000 to Hear Smith

It has been determined to hold the notification ceremony of Governor Smith at Albany. Arrangements are being made to handle a throng in the adjoining park and Albany officials are predicting a crowd of at least 100,000. In the event of bad weather, it was said that rather than attempt to postpone the event, Governor Smith might deliver his speech in the relatively small assembly chamber, which would accommodate the notification committee, newspaper correspondents and a limited number of guests only.

The Smith notification is certain to come after that of Herbert Hoover, fixed for August 11 in California.

Speculation about what he will emphasize in his forthcoming acceptance speech prompted Governor Smith to declare that no one except himself knows what he intends to say.

Religious and Liquor Issues to the Front

Sharp preliminary skirmishes and unusual arguments along the political battle front in many states are reported in the latest dispatches to the Washington Star from its correspondents all over the country, and have served to emphasize the hitherto observed tendency of many voters in both parties to disregard old allegiances in the presidential campaign this year.

Undercurrents of sentiment are rumbling almost everywhere and in some spots during the week they have broken into the open with a rush, causing considerable alarm to both Republican and Democratic state leaders and adding to the confessed difficulties of political analysis.

More apparent than ever, according to reports from widely separated sections, is the overshadowing importance of the liquor and religious issues, no matter how the latter is camouflaged. In most states voters have thus far declined to become excited over the tariff or charges of corruption, and even the farm relief question is causing no more than a ripple except in two or three mid-west states.

Among the features of the week's political news are the Republican harmony gatherings in some mid-west states; new indications of a growing sentiment for Smith in the larger cities of the east and west, with increasing pro-Hoover sentiment in the smaller towns and rural sections; Democratic bolts and unprecedented Republican activities in the south and preparations for a campaign of exceptional vigor everywhere.

In New England both parties are busy. In Massachusetts the Republicans are trying something new in the shape of a special volunteer campaign to function in conjunction with the Republican state committee. Governor Fuller has accepted the honorary leadership of the campaign, while for active chairman the Republicans have chosen John Richardson, pre-convention manager for Hoover in Massachusetts. The new plan has been adopted for the express purpose of giving as many men and women as possible a part in the active management of the Hoover campaign, and it is hoped by the Republican leaders to add by this method many votes to the Hoover-Curtis total in November. A movement has been started for a statewide referendum on prohibition and is believed to have originated with some Republi-

News of Week in and About Blowing Rock

Rattlesnake Pete Puts in Appearance For First Time This Season, Has Score of 1,019 Snakes Famous Hiker Marking Trails

Blowing Rock, July 25.—Rattlesnake Pete, hunter of snakes and maker and vender of novelties, appeared here today for the first time of the season with seven snake skins and a bag full of novelties that he and his family have made since last season. Ostensibly he was hunting for a woman who last season gave him an order for 100 snake skins, but was unable to find her. Ramon had it that she was in New York, where she is due to get a package of snake skins. Pete said his score now is 1,019 snakes. At the end of the last season it was 967.

"My wife read the story you wrote about me last summer," Pete said, "and she declared I hadn't killed that many snakes. But she hasn't been with me but nine years. I told her she didn't know what I did in my boyhood."

J. T. Bogardus of New York, famous hiker and globe trotter, has been marking the hiking trails of Blowing Rock and expresses strong enthusiasm for the facilities here for that sport. Mr. Bogardus has placed markers on Lonesome Trail, which leads from Mayview Park to the Rock, and on Glen Bernie Trail, which leads down to the most beautiful gorge and waterfalls in the resort. Mr. Bogardus has done hiking throughout the Rockies and Adirondacks, but he says the Blowing Rock trails are equal in beauty to any he has ever followed. Lonesome Trail has just been reconditioned by the Blowing Rock Chamber of Commerce.

Mrs. Earl Draper of Charlotte won first kicker's prize in the ladies' division in the first golf tournament of the season on Green Park-Norwood course here. She won over a field of 24 players with a gross score of 125, handicap 45, net 80.

Mrs. Matt Wall of High Point took low gross (no handicap) with a 93, and Mrs. Virginia Jones of Charlotte won the special prize on the eighth hole with a 5. The special prize is given on this hole because of its difficult nature—more than 400 yards and uphill all the way.

In the men's division, the first kicker prize was won by W. H. Slack of Columbia, S. C., with a gross of 93, handicap 19, and net 74.

Jack Wagner of Statesville, who won several of last year's tournaments, took the prize for low gross (no handicap) with a 76. The low score on No. 8 hole was won by Arthur Stevens of Savannah, Ga., with a 4, which is par for this hole.

The next tournament will be a week from Saturday, and the tournaments will follow weekly after that. It is understood that Den Stubbs of Lenoir will offer a silver cup in one of the tournaments, or perhaps in a special tournament, but the date has not yet been announced.

Silver Lake, on the summer estate of J. L. Snyder of Charlotte, is being drained in preparation for replacing the old wooden dam with a concrete dam, which will cost \$4,000. The McClellan Construction Company of Charlotte was awarded the contract. This is one of the most beautiful of the fresh water lakes in Blowing Rock. For years the old wooden dam has furnished water power for a mill.

Miss Cora A. Harris of Charlotte, daughter of Col. Wade Harris, editor of the Charlotte Observer, spent last week-end here at the Martin cottage. Townspeople expressed the hope that Mr. Harris would come up this season and occupy his cottage here during the dog days.

W. S. Lee, president of the Duke Power Company, with E. Rush Lee and other officers of the company, spent the week-end at Mayview Manor.

Hon. Josephus Daniels of Raleigh was due at the Manor Wednesday morning to spend a short vacation here.

Mrs. William Candler and son William of Atlanta will be at the Manor this week for their vacation.

Attorney Pou of Raleigh spent last week at Green Park hotel, as did members of the law firm of Schurmann and Schurmann of New York.

ADVENT CONFERENCE BEGINS TODAY IN CALDWELL

The Piedmont Advent Christian conference will hold its annual meeting at Tabernacle church, three miles east of Lenoir, beginning this evening at 8 o'clock, and continuing through Sunday evening. Rev. Guy L. Vannah, summer pastor of the local church, and several others will attend the sessions from Boone and Watauga county.

CHARGES DENIED BY C. E. MILLER

High Point Broker Who is Being Sued for Misuse of Funds Belonging to Town of Boone, Enters Denial of Allegations in Complaint

The following news dispatch, under a High Point date line of July 19th, will be of interest here, where Miller is alleged to have converted the proceeds from a \$10,000 note issued by the town of Boone for the purpose of constructing a city hall, to his own use:

"Claude E. Miller, broker of this city, against whom the town of Boone has filed suit charging that he converted to his own use the proceeds of the town's note which amounted to \$10,800 while he was acting as broker in negotiating a loan for the town, stated to a representative of a local newspaper today that denial of all charges will be filed upon the return to the city of his attorney. Mr. Miller has been confined for the past few days in a local hospital and he was reached only by special permission of hospital authorities. His attorney, Thomas Turner, Jr., is away from the city on his vacation and is not expected to return until August first.

"The statement of Miller was as follows:

"Thomas Turner, Jr., is my attorney, and he will have to do the talking. I can say, however, that a denial of all charges will be made immediately upon Mr. Turner's return to the city."

SOUTHERN METHODISTS TO PLAN PROGRESS

Lake Junaluska, July 22.—Meeting to discuss plans for a great conference on religious education at Lake Junaluska next year, representative leaders of the Methodist Episcopal church, south, composing the committee, will gather here on Monday, July 30, it was announced by Ralph E. Nollner, general superintendent of the southern assembly.

Denominational boards participating in the movement which will culminate with a church wide conference one year hence, include the Epworth League, Sunday School board of education, ways and means of getting ready for the approaching conference will be discussed at a meeting of the full committee to be held here.

CAMPAIGN ON IN JOHNSON COUNTY, TENNESSEE

The campaign for the August election is on good and stout in Tennessee. The good county of Johnson, just across the line, opened her campaign Monday at Laurel Bloomery, and much of the time was taken up with announcements.

There is, in the whole county, only eight candidates for sheriff and one of whom is a lady, Mrs. G. L. Goodwin, who was introduced by County Chairman H. C. Brown. Johnson is strongly Republican and there is not a single Democrat in the long list of official aspirants. Hon. E. E. Butler is again a candidate for the state senate and if elected, he will serve his sixth term.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON CLUB

The Friday Afternoon Club enjoyed a most delightful afternoon on last Friday, when Mrs. Addie Little was hostess to the club.

Members of the club had been asked to meet promptly at 2:30 in the lobby of the Critcher hotel. When all were assembled she announced that our meeting was to be turned into a theater party. Every one was pleased with the idea and we enjoyed seeing "The Other One." After the picture, Mrs. Little took us to the Boone Drug Store where we were refreshed with delicious ices and sweets.

Mrs. Watts, who was house guest of Mrs. Little, was a guest of the club at this meeting. She was formerly a Watauga girl and all welcomed her back. Our next meeting will be with Miss Annie Stanbury on August 3.—Reported.

RUTHERWOOD PERSONALS

Rutherfordwood, July 24.—The Midnight Raiders, composed of Miss Ethel Grogan, Messrs. Gaitner Grogan and O. R. Worley, accompanied by Miss Violet and Mr. Percy Caloway, of Toliver, were week-end guests of Miss Mabel Cook.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Smathers of the Boone Fish hatchery, motored to Roaring Gap Saturday.

Mrs. R. J. McGill, accompanied by her son R. J., Jr., and step-daughter Miss Martha, of Columbia, S. C., are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Brown.

Prof. and Mrs. Roy M. Brown of Chapel Hill, are visiting Prof. Brown's father, Mr. Joe Brown.

She: "Sir, do you realize whom you are speaking to? I am the daughter of an English peer."

He: "Not so fast. I am the son of an American doc."

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BOONE M. E. CHURCH, SOUTH

WATAUGA LUMBER CO. IN VOLUNTARY BANKRUPTCY

On last Friday the Watauga Lumber Company, Inc., of Boone, made a voluntary assignment for the benefit of its creditors and stockholders. Early in the spring, the president, Mr. W. R. Gragg, bought rather heavily looking for a big trade during the summer, which has been rather disappointing, and his inability to meet his obligations promptly caused this step to be taken. Some of the largest creditors were called in, a complete inventory of the stock and solvent book accounts was made, which revealed the fact that the assets were far in excess of the liabilities, and Mr. Gragg, who was appointed receiver Saturday by Judge Finley, is confident that the business will pay out in full to the creditors, with a good margin for the stockholders.

The business will move right along and customers served as heretofore. His line is complete in everything that goes into the building of a home.

LOCAL BARBER HELD ON LIQUOR CHARGE

A Mr. Brock, a local barber, is in jail after having been arrested Tuesday night with a gallon of whiskey in his possession. Brock passed the home of Mr. Carter Cook, just east of town about 3 o'clock in the morning, collided with Mr. Cook's car and another owned by Fred Farthing, which had been left parked by the highway and proceeded in the direction of town. Mr. Cook was awakened by the noise of the crash and chased the car on foot. The fugitive came to town and turned down the old Blowing Rock road, near the Normal. When near the home of Roy Hagaman, he bumped into the third car and was in a stupor when Mr. Cook came upon the scene. Cook got the sheriff on the scene and it was found that Brock had in the car a gallon of moonshine. No bond has been arranged.

YOUR FLOWER GARDEN

Many of the perennials will give you a second crop of flowers if you will treat them right. When the flowers upon the pyrethrum fade if you will cut them back to about five inches from the ground, give in a good handful of steamed bone meal, water them well and watch to keep the soil cool, you will be rewarded with a second bloom. They will bloom more or less all fall. Pyrethrum, particularly the pink shades, are very showy and the second bloom will be welcome.

The same procedure will work with delphinium, hollyhocks, Iceland poppies and many other things. Never try it with peonies as it might be fatal to the plants. In the summer when the perennial colors have had their grand display of color, cut it back before it goes to seed and it will give you a second blooming almost as good as the first. The myosotis or forget-me-not will do much better if cut back in the summer. Even without it you will have some bloom, but cutting back and feeding will renew it and make it come all the stronger. Cowslip, shasta daisy (not all varieties), many of the pinks, wallflowers and violets will all respond to this treatment.

Many of the annuals are greatly benefited if you will cut them back, feed, water and mulch them. Their nature is to grow well in the spring when the ground is cool and the mulching and watering helps them. If you are afraid to try it with all your plants, try it out with a few of them and you will see for yourself. There are many things to learn about gardening, and each year you should try to add to your garden knowledge.

One very good thing to try is the growing of some new and different plant or flower each year. Try something you have not grown before. In a few years you will find that you are familiar with a lot of new things and you will get a lot of pleasure from it. We can never stand still in gardening any more than in anything else; we either go ahead or slide back. See that your gardening is going ahead.

INDIAN RELICS BEING ARRANGED FOR EXHIBIT

The Savage collection of Indian relics, recently acquired by the Appalachian State Teachers' College from Rev. W. R. Savage of Glendale Springs, is being assorted and prepared for exhibition by Prof. D. D. Dougherty.

This is said to be the most complete private collection of Indian relics in North Carolina. The specimens were collected by Mr. Savage over a period of years while he was rector of the Episcopal church at Blowing Rock. In the same room with the Savage collection will be the Dugger collection of North Carolina minerals, collected by Shea M. Dugger of Banner Elk. Practically all of the important ores and minerals of western North Carolina are represented in the collection. Mr. Dugger will be here some time this week to help Prof. Dougherty assort and label the specimens.

LARRY ROGERS SERIOUSLY SLASHED BY ROB ROBBINS

Mr. Larry Rogers is at the Watauga hospital recovering from injuries sustained last Friday afternoon when he was attacked with a pocket knife by Mr. Robert Robbins in an altercation occurring near their homes on Beech Hill a few miles east of the city. At first it was thought the injuries of young Rogers might prove fatal, however, his recovery at this time is expected.

The cutting, it is alleged, came as a result of allegations which were said to have been made to Robbins' wife by Rogers. Robbins came upon the couple in an automobile. It is said and inquired as to the meaning of their conduct. No answer being forthcoming, the question was repeated. Meantime Rogers got out of the car and started to remove the chains from the rear wheels, when he was attacked. Several cuts were inflicted in the body before the two men were separated. Robbins was taken to jail, where he will likely remain until the fall term of superior court convenes as it is understood no efforts have been made by him to arrange bail.

CIVITAN CLUB

Last week's luncheon of the Civitan Club was featured by the presentation of the names of three local citizens for membership in the Boone's wake-awake civic organization, and interesting talks by Revs. J. A. Youst and Roy Dotson. The club met in the dining room of the Daniel Boone hotel and following a sumptuous luncheon, President G. K. Moore named J. Frank Moore, Rev. Claud H. Moser and C. M. Critcher as membership committee for the next year and announced that all committees for the new club year would be named at this week's luncheon, after which the organization will get down to business in its work for a bigger and better Boone, and a more prosperous county. The club is very active in civic matters, its meetings are short and enthusiastic, and with the support of the business people of the town, it is developing a community spirit that will mean much to Boone and Watauga county. If you are not a member, why not join?

MRS. PORTER BEACH DEAD

Mrs. Betty Henson Beach, wife of Mr. Porter Beach, died at her home at Mast last Wednesday night, following a prolonged illness incident to old age. She had been almost an invalid for a long while, but during her affliction, she never lost her cheerfulness, and bore her infirmities in a true Christian spirit. Had she lived until December 1, she would have been 78 years old.

The funeral was conducted at Henson's Chapel, of which church she had been a life-long member, Thursday afternoon at 5 o'clock, conducted by her pastor, Rev. E. A. Taylor, assisted by Rev. Dr. Will O. Gordon, of the Cove Creek Baptist church. Interment was in the church cemetery.

Besides her husband, Mrs. Beach is survived by four children, Messrs. Charles and Bradford of Cove Creek; John A. Beach, of West Virginia, and Mrs. Margaret Miller of Meant Camp.

LOCAL M. E. CHURCH DEDICATED SUNDAY

Service of Unusual Interest Participated in By Bishop Mouzon, Presiding Elder Taylor and Attended by Two Former Pastors

The Boone Methodist church was filled almost to overflowing Sunday morning when Bishop Edwin D. Mouzon preached and formally dedicated the new church building. Rev. Seymour Taylor, presiding elder of the North Wilkesboro district, was present and introduced Bishop Mouzon, while Rev. C. H. Moser, present pastor, and Revs. Woosley and Brinkman, formerly with the Boone church, assisted in the services.

Bishop Mouzon delivered a powerful message, calling special attention to the moral delinquency of the present age and defining the business of the church as that of Christianizing every branch of human endeavor from the lowest to the highest calling. The discourse was a masterful one and no more sympathetic audience could have been found.

Immediately following the sermon, the church building was presented by Mr. J. S. Stanbury on behalf of the board of stewards and the formal dedication service was held.

At the evening hour Rev. G. C. Brinkman occupied the pulpit, preaching on the subject, "God cares nothing for the temple without man."

AUGUST 22 DATE SET FOR SMITH NOTIFICATION

Albany, N. Y., July 24.—From the towering east steps of the state capitol, Governor Smith will tell the country, at twilight on Wednesday, August 22, just where he stands on campaign issues. The date for his notification ceremony, which will get under way at 7 p. m. eastern daylight time, was fixed today.

Uncertainty as to the exact time for the notification, which will come after those for Hoover and Curtis, the Republican standard bearers, ended when Smith himself announced that difficulties in obtaining clear time for a nationwide radio hook-up had been cleared away.

NICARAGUAN TROUBLE OVER, WILBUR TELLS COOLIDGE

Superior, Wis., July 24.—The year-old struggle in Nicaragua between American forces and armed guerrilla bands, which took about a score of United States marines' lives, has been reported to President Coolidge as virtually ended. Rear Admiral David F. Sellers, commander of the special service squadron, in a report, presented to the chief executive yesterday by Secretary Wilbur of the navy department, said that it was almost certain that Augustino Sandino, Nicaraguan guerrilla leader, had given up the fight, abandoning the country and leaving his followers to surrender their arms and disperse.

G. O. P. GOING AFTER WOMEN NON-VOTERS

Washington, July 24.—Mobilization for Hoover and Curtis of the 24,000,000 "home makers" of the land, or non-voting women, will be special object of the Republican women's campaign, rather than drives by the votes of organized club women and registered voters. At a woman's organization meeting here today plans were launched to concentrate on the woman in the home. National committee women from 18 states of the east and south made enthusiastic reports of campaigns already begun.

N. C. TO GET \$1,715,910 FEDERAL AID FOR ROADS

Raleigh, July 23.—North Carolina will receive \$1,715,910 from the United States government during the next three years for use in building roads, the state highway commission was notified today by the American Roadbuilding Association, Washington.

The first appropriation for new roads totals \$78,125. During the same three-year period South Carolina will receive \$1,059,533; Virginia \$1,437,548; Tennessee \$1,612,012; Georgia \$1,980,015, and Florida \$901,311.

JUNE WEATHER FAVORS BUMPER CROPS IN N. C.

Raleigh, July 23.—The month of June brought favorable progress to crops in North Carolina, according to the climatological bulletin issued by the weather bureau here.

There was decided improvement in cotton, tobacco and corn, the report showed. These crops are still late, however, because of unfavorable weather during the spring. The potato crop was the largest on record, and wheat and oat crops "turned out better than expected," the bulletin said.

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