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MORE STRAWS IN THE WIND

The Montgomery Advertiser produces a copy of interesting speculation in its statement that the Hearst newspapers started raising a straw vote in fifteen cities of the United States, but apparently discontinued it after the sixth day.

Just why the poll was so speedily abandoned is not explained. A theory that occurs, however, is based on the fact that Mr. Hearst is a political enemy of Smith, the annuity dating back to an incident of some years ago when Smith checkmated Hearst's political ambitions in New York by absolutely refusing to be his party's nominee if the Hearst demands were complied with.

Whether or not there is anything in this theory, it is a fact that the six days of straw voting did show a total of 113,450 for Smith as compared with 95,771 for Hoover.

Hoover and Smith
Chicago 15,220 15,172
New York 11,175 10,782
Milwaukee 2,240 5,070
Pittsburgh 13,100 18,170
Washington 1,078 1,322
Boston 9,257 19,101
Detroit 754 3,065
Atlanta 458 787
Rochester 3,278 3,881
Albany 360 874
San Francisco 5,024 13,057
Los Angeles 3,224 7,159
Seattle 587 177
Baltimore 2,265 2,292
St. Louis 2,610 625
Grand 2,200 2,433

St. Louis was reported in 1927 conducted by the same chain of papers gave:

Hoover and Smith
Chicago 16,207 16,485
New York 8,714 4,385
Milwaukee 674 128
Pittsburgh 10,940 2,522
Washington 952 849
Boston 8,128 4,704
Detroit 1,519 490
Atlanta 50 503
Rochester 2,447 750
Albany Not available
San Francisco 6,704 1,780
Los Angeles 5,833 1,501
Seattle 433 43
Baltimore 1,590 1,294
St. Louis 2,265 2,292
Grand 2,297 659

It will be noted that Governor Smith led Mr. Hoover in such strong Republican cities as Chicago, Boston, Pittsburgh and San Francisco.

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LOCAL AFFAIRS

Mr. John P. Lovelace and wife of Shelby were visitors over the week-end with Dr. and Mrs. R. C. Ellis.

Mr. J. B. Taylor of the Taylor Motor Company spent Monday in Abingdon, Va., attending to some matters of business.

Both to Mr. and Mrs. John Smith of Hodges Gap, Tuesday, a son, weighing thirteen and a half pounds.

Out harvest is now in in Watauga and the crop is said to be extra good. In fact, all growing crops were never better at this season of the year.

Miss Ethel Bouchelle and Esther Fleming, teachers in the Boone Demonstration school, are attending the second summer session at George Peabody College for Teachers, Nashville, Tenn.

Congressman Bob Doughton was in town last week-end shaking hands and chatting with his old friends and making new ones. He is here for more for him to make in Watauga. He says one of his

Boat Troy L. Jones of Ashe county has been in town this week visiting among friends. Mr. Jones has been elected as principal of the second-year school at Hawley, which will open next Monday.

Miss Sallie Welch, formerly Miss Sallie Whithead of Barber, N. C., with her daughter, Miss Thelma, and cousin, Miss Belle Chelving, all of Lenoir county, Va., is a guest for a few weeks at the home of her sister Mrs. J. B. Taylor, in Boone.

Through Mr. Clyde Eggers, local reporter, the R. K. Bingham center property, owned by W. W. Mast and son, has been sold to Mr. Bland of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., the prospective buyer of the Daniel Boone Hotel. The consideration has not been given out.

Messrs. Cox and Bob Hiten of Arkansas and Colorado, respectively, have been spending the past week with home folks and friends in Watauga. The former is a son of the late Abram Hiten, the latter of Mr. George Hiten, who still resides at Zionville. Both of the gentlemen have made good in the middle west.

Miss Arthur Mast of Valle Crucis has an advertisement in this issue calling attention to her display of hand-made and hand woven articles now being displayed in the Hahn building. The collection is wonderful and no doubt the good lady will enjoy a splendid business. For many years Mrs. Mast's hand-woven rug have won country-wide fame and this year the assortment of articles is more beautiful than ever before.

It would make quite a change in the appearance of the town in this immediate section, if the weeds and grass were mowed from the site of the city hall and that surrounding the law office of W. R. Lovill and the Carolina Store. By the side of paved streets these forests of weeds are very unsightly to the passers-by. The little cost to the town would be insignificant and the improvement great.

Little Gene Reese, 16-months-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Reese of Vilas, suffered a broken arm Tuesday afternoon when a little neighbor girl in some way fell on the little fellow and fracturing his arm between the wrist and elbow. He was brought to the Watauga Hospital where the arm was set and at last reports was getting along as well as could be expected.

Hon. Joseph Daniels, secretary of the navy in the Wilson administration, and editor of the Raleigh News and Observer, who with Mrs. Daniels, is a guest at the Mayview Manor, Blowing Rock, paid Boone a visit Friday. Mrs. Daniels accompanied him. The former secretary had intended to visit Watauga some time later on and estimated that he might speak to the people of Watauga upon the political issues of the day.

Dr. and Mrs. Bynum Wilson of Philadelphia, are visiting relatives and friends in Watauga. The young physician is a son of Rev. L. C. Wilson and a brother of Mr. Dayton Wilson of the Taylor Motor Co.

Mr. S. C. Eggers is intended to a friend of his in Georgia for a crate of very fine Elberta peaches, and the "old man" of The Democrat forces is indebted to Mr. Eggers for some splendid specimens of the luscious fruit.

The dahlias garden at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Gragg of this city, is easily the prettiest thing of its kind we have ever seen in the county. Great care was taken in the selection of the bulbs, many of them right expensive. The ground was put in a high state of cultivation and the result is blooms that for real beauty and great size are almost incomparable. Indeed it is a veritable feast for the eye. (Note) Since the above was written, The Democrat has been the dahlias garden of Mrs. J. B. Taylor and now we are leaving it up to you to decide which of the two is most gorgeous.

Following is a list of guests at the Council house: Miss Whitman, Philadelphia, Pa.; Mr. and Mrs. Cuff and Miss May Pitts, Nashville,

Gastonia Rotarians Will Visit Boone

Dr. Anders and Mr. Warren Here Monday Making Arrangements for Meeting to Be Held in Boone in the Near Future

Dr. Mc G. Anders and Mr. Will C. Warren, of Gastonia, were in the city Monday to make arrangements for a proposed visit of the members of the Gastonia Rotary Club, with their wives and maybe sweethearts, to Boone within the next few days.

They found the local hotels pretty well crowded, but a number of vacant members and other citizens asked the visiting gentlemen to come up to them, and the matter would be worked out in a satisfactory manner.

There will be from sixty to seventy-five people in the party, the exact number not yet given out. The club selected Boone as its choice for the little outing and our city in the hills is delighted with the prospect of having them. They will probably arrive here the latter part of next week.

BIGGEST FISH OF THE SEASON CAUGHT BY GRADY FARTHING

Mr. H. Grady Farthing holds the season's record for the biggest fish taken from Watauga waters, and the record is likely to hold good for many seasons to come.

On last Friday he took a black bass from the waters of Middle Fork near Blowing Rock which weighed thirteen and one-half pounds, by far the largest fish of any variety ever seen in this section, and the strange part of the story is the big fish was caught without the use of a hook.

The stringer was being drained in a party to the building of a new concrete structure. Mr. Farthing was there together with some other men, and he sighted the fish in a small pool of water below the dam site. He jumped in and after a desperate struggle succeeded in capturing the bass with his bare hands, which now bear several deep cuts from the spear-like fins of this particularly vicious specimen. After the fish was brought to shore and dressed, its net weight was eleven and a half pounds. A better idea of the size of the bass is to be gained by the fact that a man's closed fist could easily be inserted in its mouth.

Blowing Rock, Aug. 1.—Another large bass, this one weighing 15-12 pounds, was caught in New River below the Snyder lake, which is being drained to build a new dam. The fish was caught by Mr. Andrews of Memphis, Tenn., a guest at Mayview Manor. The bass escaped from the cone lake to the Snyder lake when the floodgates were opened and thence into the river.

ENTRE NOUS CLUB

The Entre Nous Club was delightfully entertained Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. James D. Hatcher at her home in Blowing Rock. The club was entertained at three tables for a while, and the winner, Mrs. T. L. Briggs of Wilmington, was awarded a handsome prize.

At the conclusion of the playing, Mrs. Russell Barlow of Lenoir sang several songs, which were thoroughly enjoyed.

The hostess served a most delicious refreshment, which was enjoyed by all in addition to the members, the following guests were present: Messrs. F. L. Desreux of Alabama, Russell Barlow of Lenoir, Thomas L. Briggs of Wilmington, James Vance and Miss Elizabeth Stroud of Chapel Hill.

The next meeting of the club will be with Mrs. Russell B. Hodges on Friday afternoon, August 19th.

PAUL WILLIAMS DEAD

In the death of Mr. Paul Williams at his home on Shells Mill R. F. D., the county loses another of its best citizens.

On Monday of last week, Mr. Williams went to Long's Sanitarium in Statesville for an operation for gall stones, which he performed on Tuesday. In the operation, other complications were found, which, taken together, proved too much for his weakened condition, and death came to his relief at 10 a. m. Thursday. His remains were brought home and interment, which was made on his farm at 10 a. m. Sunday. Revs. Sebastian, L. C. Wilson and E. C. Hodges conducting the funeral in the presence of a large assembly of relatives and friends.

The editor of this paper has known Paul Williams almost from his early boyhood and had no better friend. There was nothing in his makeup that one could dislike. He went along in the even tenor of his way, always observing the Golden Rule. A devoted and consistent member of the Baptist church for many years; honest in his convictions, true to his friends, his family and his God. He will be missed.

He leaves a wife and two children to mourn the departure of a loyal husband and devoted father. Peace to his ashes.

AT THE NORMAL

Last Saturday afternoon the senior class was given a picnic through the thoughtfulness of Prof. D. D. Dougherty. Quite a number of the faculty also attended and enjoyed racing lunch on the rock from which the town gets its name. The trip to Blowing Rock was made in a large bus recently purchased by the county to carry high school students from the Wilkes line to the Boone high school.

The usual Saturday night entertainment was given for the student body at the Normal summer school.

The following were recent visitors at the Normal: Mrs. J. M. Downum, Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Ford and children of Lenoir; Mrs. Chas. Westell and children of Birmingham, Ala.; Prof. J. H. Workman, county superintendent of Carter County; Prof. W. P. Moore, principal of Wastowhurch schools; and Dr. Wm. A. Cook, professor in Park College, Parkville, Mo.

The congregation at the Methodist church Sunday night was fortunate in having the privilege of hearing Rev. C. E. Rozell, who is pastor of the Methodist church at Chapel Hill. He gave the large audience present a very effective sermon. Rev. Rozell has been supplying at Blowing Rock for several weeks during the summer season.

A number of the students of the summer school took a trip to Grandfather Mountain Monday morning.

BEAUTIFUL LAKE IS THE HOME OF RAINBOW TROUT

Messrs. W. H. Gragg and A. E. South have greatly enhanced the beauty of their residences on North Water street by the construction nearby of a lake, which is fed from the crystal waters of Howards Knob and which has become the home of about sixty rainbow trout, secured from the hatchery near Rutherford.

The fish range in size from eight to twelve inches long and the owners of the beauty spot have about 3,000 more fish still at the hatchery which will be supplied from time to time, until the little lake is well filled. A foot bridge has been built across the gulch from the home of Mr. Gragg to his cottage, benches provided thereon, and tourists stopping at the Graggs and Souths, as well as many citizens of the town, are enjoying a rest in the shade, overlooking the lake. Late in the afternoon the hungry fish may be seen often taking their food from the surface and visitors take a great deal of interest in their antics. Fish will not be taken from the lake at any time, it having been built altogether for ornamental purposes.

Dr. U. G. Jones of Johnson City, Tenn., eye, ear, nose and throat specialist, will be at the office of Dr. J. B. Hagaman in Boone on Monday, August 13 for the practice of his profession.

FOUR LANDED IN JAIL ON HIGHWAY ROBBERY CHARGE

Four young men, Jim Welch, Clay Church, Leonard Church and Lonnie Church, all residents of Wilkes county, except the first named, were lodged in the county jail here Tuesday night, on a charge of highway robbery and violating the prohibition law, after having looted the property of Rev. Edwin Frazer, evangelist of Winston-Salem. At a point on the Boone Trail highway near the Wilkes county line.

Rev. Frazer, who is now a guest at the Daniel Boone hotel, had just closed a revival meeting in North Wilkesboro and was driving to Boone for a few days. A truck was going ahead of him carrying his tent, boom, poles and other equipment and was driven by a colored man, accompanied by Carl Billings of North Wilkesboro. When a short distance from the Watauga county line a Dodge car occupied by the four young men drove alongside, hailed the truck driver and attempted to stop him. He kept going, however, until he reached the Taylor orchards on Stony Fork, where the car passed the truck and blocked the road. A half gallon fruit jar filled with whiskey was produced and the highwayman demanded that the colored man and his companion take a drink. They refused and were then ordered to get out of the truck. Again refusing, the Church boys and Welch cut the ropes with pocket knives with which they had effected the surrender of the truck men, one of them took occasion to curse the minister's Bible, the song books were torn and thrown away and an overcoat, stolen and the property destroyed as far as was possible, after which the truck was allowed to come on to Boone and the pilgrims returned into Wilkes.

Rev. Frazer knew nothing of the incident until he arrived in Boone. Maunime Sheriff Farthing had been notified and with Deputy Sheriff Poly Wyke set out to capture the marauders, with no other information than the description of the car in which they were riding. By inquiry along the road, however, they soon learned the names of the boys who had driven along the road in a Dodge car. Going on to the Shomaker place in Wilkes county, they arrested Welch, who refused to give them any information. Later, however, they came upon the car and the other three former occupants at "Black Church" place. When Clay Church was approached, he attempted to make a getaway, but when captured told the whole story—and all were promptly lodged in the county jail. No arrangements have been made for bail.

AT THE CHURCHES

BOONE BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. P. A. HICKS, Pastor
Sunday school 9:15 a. m., W. R. Gragg, superintendent, preaching at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m.

B. Y. P. U.'s meet at 7 o'clock. Mid-week prayer service Wednesday at 8 o'clock.

You are cordially invited to attend all these services.

ADVENT CHRISTIAN CHURCH
GUY L. VANNAR, Acting Pastor
9:15 a. m. Sunday school. (Classes for all ages.)

11 a. m. Morning worship. Sermon: "The Happiest Man in the World."

8:00 p. m. Evening worship. Sermon: "The Unanswered Question." Regular prayer meeting Wednesday evening 8 p. m. Visitors are always welcome.

BOONE METHODIST
Rev. C. H. MOSER, Pastor
Sunday school 9:15 a. m., J. D. Rankin, superintendent; Prof. A. M. Norton, teacher. Conrades' Bible Class; E. N. Hann, teacher. Men's Bible class; Mrs. J. L. Winkler, teacher. Women's Bible class; J. B. Steele, church lay leader; H. G.

FOR SALE CHEAP—One second hand range, with hot water boiler. Also some water storage tanks. H. C. Martin, Blowing Rock, N. C.

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Start Early to HAVE MONEY!
Did you ever "arry water for the elephants?"
Yes, all of us do who see the show. Many carry the water and do not see the real show; because the sure-enough show we enjoy is Comfort and Plenty. This can come only after the practice of economy.
START SAVING REGULARLY NOW
WE INVITE YOUR BANKING BUSINESS
THINK! WATAUGA COUNTY BANK "Home of the Thrifty" Boone, N. C. Let's DEVELOP Our County HAVE MONEY!