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## B. R. High School To Debate Friday Night

Query, Resolved That Al Smith is Better Qualified to Be President Than Herbert Hoover

Blowing Rock, Oct. 24.—The debate between the Blowing Rock high school pupils, which was to have taken place last week, was postponed on account of the pie supper at the school Friday night, and will be held the coming Friday night.

Keen interest has been shown in the debate so far, which is on the question, "Resolved that Al Smith is better qualified to be president of the United States than is Herbert Hoover." Both sides have been making strenuous preparations during the week; consequently an entertaining argument is promised for those who attend.

The affirmative side of the question will be defended by Paul Foster and Jay Knight. The negative will be taken by Hynum Crisp and Lucile Reid.

A large crowd attended the pie supper held at the school last Friday night. Pies and candy were donated by members of the Tuesday Afternoon Club, and sold at booths erected in the auditorium. Presiding over the candy counter were Mrs. Henry Conrad, and at the pie counter were Mrs. Bob Greene, Mrs. Theo Greene, Mrs. L. E. Story, Mrs. J. T. Miller and others who volunteered to relieve them.

After everyone seemed to have had enough sandwiches and pie, James Sudderth mounted the platform and offered at auction the pies that had not been sold at the counter. After brisk bidding, all of the pies were disposed of, as well as a huge plate of sandwiches.

The money raised will be used to buy books for the elementary school library.

A community Halloween party will be given at the school building next Wednesday evening. A number of committees with teachers as chairmen, assisted by the students, are at work on a spooky program, side shows, sandwiches and drink counters, and an appropriately decorated hall as a meeting place for the witches, goblins, ghosts and others of their ilk abroad as October departs. A festive occasion, with plenty of fun, shivers and food is guaranteed.

Ed Smathers, Balsam Mountain outlaw, was found guilty of second degree murder at Sylva, Saturday and sentenced to serve 25 to 35 years in the state penitentiary, for the murder of Deputy Sheriff Claud Green at Balsam school house several weeks ago. Smathers was captured more than a week after the shooting, successfully eluding a posse of 200 men armed with tear gas bombs and a detachment of troops from the Waynesville unit of the N. C. N. G. Smathers was an escaped convict, and while there were no eyewitnesses to the shooting, it is thought the officer was shot while attempting to arrest Smathers.

Amos Brown, a negro who when ten years of age, more than 30 years ago, was kidnapped from Salisbury, has recently returned to inquire into the possibility of his having an interest in property which his mother owned. Brown says he was sent up town on an errand and was picked up by gypsies who offered him a ride. He was gagged and thrown into the rear of a wagon where several other negro boys had been imprisoned.

## TURKISH MODESTY

Constantinople, Oct. 24.—All Turkish girls starting the school term passed in review before their teachers, and those whose skirts were considered too short were sent home with orders not to return until the skirts came down an inch below the knee.

## Overman's Daughter To Address Voters

Mrs. E. C. Gregory, daughter of Senator Lee S. Overman, and doubtless the foremost lady campaigner of the state, will speak in the interest of the Democratic cause at Cove Creek Tuesday, October 30, at 2:30. Hon. R. L. Doughton will speak at the same place the same date. Local Democratic women leaders are urging that ladies from each township come out and hear Mrs. Gregory as this will be the last chance of the campaign.

For the benefit of those who do not find it convenient to attend at Cove Creek, Mrs. Gregory will speak again at the courthouse in Boone at 7:30 of the same day and it will be possible for a large percentage of the voters to hear her at one of the appointments.

## POLITICAL EVENTS OF THE PAST WEEK

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

**Dr. Work Asked to Resign From National Committee**

New York Times, Saturday: The dropping of Dr. Hubert Work as chairman of the Republican national committee because of his approval of the renewal of Harry F. Sinclair's Salt Creek oil contract was urged yesterday upon Herbert Hoover by the Evening Telegram, which with other newspapers of the Scripps-Howard chain, is supporting the Republican nominee for president. The editorial article read:

"Stupidity is the most charitable interpretation that can be placed on the action of Dr. Hubert Work in renewing the Sinclair Salt Creek oil contract.

"As secretary of the interior last February he granted the renewal.

"An opinion by the attorney general of the United States now nullifies it.

"The opinion points out that the original contract of December, 1922, was invalid. The original contract contained an option of renewal for five more years. It was on that option that Work acted.

"Even if the contract had been with any other oil concern than Sinclair's, it should, because of the special-favor nature of the option, have been a subject for sharp challenging by the secretary of the interior before any renewal was granted. But, being with a concern whose name had become symbolic of shady dealing, there was tremendous additional reason for caution on the part of the government's representative in whom the power of renewal rested.

"But Work blithely went on with the deal. And now, eight months later, his action is repudiated by the chief legal authority of the United States, who acted, following an effective presentation of the matter by the New York World.

"All of which adds evidence to a thing that has been obvious during the present presidential campaign—that Dr. Hubert Work is a liability, not an asset, to Herbert Hoover. As Republican campaign manager he has not contributed to the strength of that party in 1928. Instead he has been a handicap.

"It has long been our opinion that Work is a lightweight. The Salt Creek-Sinclair leasing transaction is specific proof in support of that general impression.

"Herbert Hoover would immeasurably strengthen his position with millions of American voters if he would drop that particular pilot."

According to a dispatch from Washington, Mr. Hoover declined to comment on the editorial. Dr. Work could not be reached at the Waldorf, where he is stopping. Earlier in the day he refused to be interviewed on any topic saying he would not make any statement or any kind before returning to Washington.

### Today's Speech is Simmons' Last

New Bern, Oct. 24.—Senator F. M. Simmons has announced that his scheduled address next Thursday night will be the only one he expects to make before the election date. This will be his second speech since the Houston convention, opposing the presidential candidacy of Governor Smith, the first having been made recently in New Bern. Senator Simmons said he has received over a hundred requests asking him to speak in various parts of the country, but that he had been forced to decline practically all of them.

### Republicans Begin Drive in State

Washington special to Greensboro News: Coincident with the arrival here of the news that R. D. Douglas had resigned as member of the Guilford county board of elections, because of dissatisfaction with the campaign plans of his party, came a report that the plans and policies complained of were to be changed. Mr. Douglas had noted that those charged with giving directions to the Republican campaign in the state were primarily influenced by the fear that any move made by them might have the effect of offending "Senator Simmons and his hollers," and Republican leaders were content to sit quietly by and "become the beneficiaries of a campaign of hate and intolerance."

The report that an effort was being made by the Republican management to change all this, that the managers would try out the plan of running a Republican campaign during the contest, came in the form of a dispatch from the state to a New York paper. Republican leaders had been guarded in whatever they said and did, lest they incur the displeasure of Senator Simmons, but some of them are said to have arrived at

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## CARD FROM MR. GILLET

The impression has not abated, quite naturally, that I am the author of the account in Monday's Winston-Salem Journal of Evangelist Ham's address in Boone. The story published, however, was not mine, though the editor saw fit to use it in place of mine. Who wrote it and who sent it to the Journal, I have not the faintest idea.

RUPERT GILLET.

## Plans Adopted for New Baptist Church Here

At a congregational meeting at the Baptist church here last Wednesday evening, plans for the proposed new church plant prepared by the building committee, were unanimously accepted by the membership of the church. The committee has been working for some time on a draft of the building program, and the results of their efforts were highly pleasing to the membership.

The plans call for the construction of a building 152 by 83 feet, three stories high, of brick and concrete construction, and will cost approximately \$100,000. In addition to the main auditorium, with a seating capacity, including the balcony, of 1,000 or 1,200, the building will contain something like 40 Sunday school rooms, divided into units for the various departments.

It is probable that the first unit of the plant will be erected just to the rear of the present building, and have it completed before the old building is torn away to make room for the other units.

Blue prints are now being made, and it is the hope of the congregation to start work on the edifice as soon as the weather will permit in the spring.

## GIVES TEN POINTS IN EGG PRODUCTION

Fat, well-developed pullets, now properly housed will soon begin to lay a profit as the winter season, when eggs are in high demand, approaches. If the pullets are not fat, it is wise to feed them from 12 to 14 pounds of scratch feed per hundred birds each day until the desired weight is secured. C. F. Parrish, extension poultryman at State College, advises going into the house at night and handling a few of the pullets to see if they are in good condition. If too fat, cut down on the scratch feed, he suggests.

Ten good suggestions to follow in securing a high egg production during winter as given by Mr. Parrish are as follows:

1. Keep stock of known pedigree bred for high egg production.
2. Keep at least 70 per cent of the flock pullets each year.
3. Have the birds reasonably fat when laying time begins.
4. Hatch chickens early so as to have pullets in lay by October 30.
5. Feed a damp mash at noon or use heat to increase feed consumption.
6. Provide warm houses, well lighted and well ventilated.
7. Feed a balanced ration of scratch feed and mash.
8. If production drops, correct the cause at once.
9. Watch production each day and cull regularly.
10. Keep plenty of fresh water before birds at all times.

Mr. Parrish states that if water fountains are used that permit the water to freeze, egg production will be cut in half. Each gallon of water used in egg production returns from \$1.40 to \$1.80 in value.

Sometimes in the fall, the birds take cold easily. This can be controlled by using enough freshly mixed permanganate of potash to turn the drinking water a deep cherry red. Dip the head of the bird into the solution and use it in the drinking water, he advises.

## MODERN BUILDING REPLACES GARAGE

Building Occupied by W. R. Winkler & Company Being Razed to be Replaced by Commercial Structure; to Cost \$12,000 to \$15,000

The H. W. Horton building, which has for the past six years been occupied by W. R. Winkler & Company as a garage, is being razed to be replaced with a two-story and basement commercial building, to be erected at a cost of from \$12,000 to \$15,000. No information is given out as to who will occupy the new building, other than that it will be used as a department store.

There will be a large store room on the street level with mezzanine floor, a basement and about twelve offices on the second floor. Every detail is to be modern and the new building will add much to the appearance of the business section. The building being torn down is the last of the old Coffey hotel annex, which was usually referred to as the "brick row," bought by Mr. Horton in 1918.

The Winkler garage in the meantime is being moved into the old Ford building on Depot street.

## TWO WATAUGA BOYS WIN HONORS AT WAKE FOREST

Roy Robinson of Reese and Wade E. Brown of Blowing Rock, were chosen as two of the Society-day debaters of Wake Forest College to be held November 17. Mr. Robinson represents the Phi. society, while Mr. Brown represents the Eta society. Paul Caudie of North Wilkesboro, was also chosen to represent the Eta society with Mr. Brown.

The selection of the debaters for this occasion automatically makes them intercollegiate debaters for the college in the spring.

Mr. Caudie and Mr. Brown were students at Mars Hill before coming to Wake Forest. This is Mr. Caudie's senior year while Mr. Brown is here for the first year. Mr. Robinson is a former student of the Appalachian State Normal.

## NORMAL VS. RUTHERFORD

The Normal football squad meets Rutherford College here Saturday in the second home game of the season. Last week the team held East Tennessee Teachers' College to a 6 to 9 victory, and they expect to put up a stiff fight against the strong Rutherford team.

The Normal will be handicapped by injuries suffered in the Teachers' game as Hollyburn, halfback, is out indefinitely, and Hallman, Fullerson and Perkins may not round into shape before the starting whistle Saturday. Coines injured a wrist in practice Saturday and may be forced to view the game from the side lines.

The game will be called at 3 o'clock. Probable line-up for the Normal follows:

K. Hinson, qt; Hartley, lt; Fortner, lg; Hoyle, c; Cross, rg; Cosh, rt; Phillips, ve; H. Unson, qb; Reed, hb; Bonger, kb; Camie, fb.

## THE LATEST HOWLER

London, Oct. 24.—A schoolboy recently made the statement in an examination that there was no nitrogen in Ireland. Inquiry as to the source of his information showed that it was based on a statement in a text book that "nitrogen is not found in a free state."

## Hon. H. F. Seawell Speaks Friday P. M.

Hon. H. F. Seawell, Republican candidate for governor of North Carolina is to deliver an address at the courthouse Friday night at 7:30.

Mr. Seawell is being accompanied by Hon. Jake F. Newell at Charlotte, who will assist in presenting the issues of the campaign to the voters.

## Lineup of County Candidates:

**DEMOCRATIC**

For Representative: R. C. RIVERS

For Sheriff: L. M. FARTHING

For Register of Deeds: MISS HELEN UNDERDOWN

For Treasurer: EMORY GREER

For Coroner: DR. J. B. HAGAMAN

For Surveyor: ROBY VINES

For County Commissioners: ROBY GREER, T. C. BAIRD, J. Y. WALKER

**REPUBLICAN**

For Representative: T. E. BINGHAM

For Sheriff: A. G. MILLER

For Register of Deeds: MRS. PEARL HARTLEY

For Treasurer: H. L. LYONS

For Coroner: DR. W. O. BINGHAM

For Surveyor: I. A. BUMGARNER

For County Commissioners: L. A. GREENE, C. C. TRIPLETT, W. F. WINKLER

## SATURDAY LAST DAY IN WHICH TO REGISTER

You cannot register after sundown Saturday. You cannot vote in the November election unless your name is on the registration books. If you have moved from one township to another, be sure that you register in your new precinct. Don't wait until the last day. Register now.

## Delegates Named to State Civitan Meeting

Club Members Hear Interesting Talk by Attorney Comer; Obid Costello Be Speaker This Week

Messrs. W. E. Comer and Gordon Winkler were named delegates to represent the Boone Civitan Club, along with Trustee J. Frank Moore, to represent the local civic organization at the meeting of the Carolina District Association of Civitan International, which meets in Salisbury on Wednesday, November 20th. A. E. South and Dr. J. M. Gaither were elected alternates, and in addition to these, it is expected that several members will attend the meeting in an unofficial capacity.

Civitan W. E. Comer, local attorney, made a very helpful talk on "Law Enforcement." Pointing out that one of the cardinal principles of Civitan is good citizenship, he emphasized the fact that a man could not be a good citizen unless he cooperated in every way possible with civil authority in upholding the majesty of the law. The talk was very interesting and was highly enjoyed by the club members.

President Moore announced that Mr. Obid Costello, potato specialist of the state department of agriculture, would speak at this week's meeting of the club, discussing the marketing, freight rates, and other things that is of interest to the potato growers of the county. Each member was asked to invite a potato grower to be his guest at the meeting and it is expected that quite a number of farmers will be present to hear Mr. Costello, whose talk will be of great interest at this time.

## PHYSIC SAYS HE HAS TALKED TO AND VISITED MARS

London, Oct. 22.—Dr. Mansfield Robinson, physicist devoted for whom the British postoffice will broadcast a radio message intended for Mars, declared today that he had not only been talking with Mars but had been there himself.

"I can talk with these Martians as easily as I can talk to you, and I have had a journey to Mars," he told an interviewer. "My etheric body traveled 35,000,000 miles in four minutes—the same speed which light travels."

Dr. Robinson gave the further information that the Martian men were about 3 feet 6 inches in height and the women about 6 feet.

He exhibited some drawings of a Martian woman, who, he said, had acted as his guide. The drawings showed a round faced woman with long hair, penetrating eyes, a racious nose and very large ears.

Dr. Robinson's message, which has been accepted by the postoffice radio service, will be broadcast from the Rugby station on an 18,500-meter wave length, and the St. Albans station will listen for a reply on a length of 30,000 meters.

## CLARENCE POTTER SHOT

Meagre reports regarding the Democratic vote to the effect that Clarence Potter of the North Fork section of the county is in a serious condition as a result of gunshot wounds inflicted several days ago while he was a visitor at the home of Sherman Payne, across the state line in Johnson county. Information received is to the effect that a lead of shot was fired through an open window taking effect in Potter's back. Two men, John Trivet and Quincy Dunn, were arrested, the former being released on bond, while the latter is confined in jail at Mt. City. It is understood that Potter and Dunn had some trouble the same day the shooting occurred.

At first it was thought the injured man's condition might not prove serious, later reports, however, would indicate that he has little or no chance of recovery.

## NORRIS FOR SMITH?

Omaha, Oct. 23.—Joseph Koutsky, chairman of the agricultural league of Nebraska, announced tonight that United States Senator George W. Norris would come out "flatly and unequivocally" for Governor Alfred E. Smith for president in an address the senator will make in Omaha, Saturday night.

The happiest Republican is the one that merely looks at the totals in the Literary Digest poll and doesn't do any analyzing.—Ohio State Journal

## CLAUD MILLER IN HIGH POINT JAIL

Broker Locked Up Last Week After Being Unable to Raise Bail of \$5,000; Faces Two Charges, False Pretense and Embezzlement

Claude E. Miller, High Point broker, who was tried at the last term of Watauga superior court on a charge growing out of cashing a \$10,000 note for the town of Boone and appropriating the proceeds to his own use, was placed in jail at High Point last Thursday in default of \$5,000 bail required for his release. Two charges resulted in his being placed in jail. One charges the broker with receiving money under false pretense, the other charging embezzlement.

The plaintiffs in the case are J. S. Worth and L. E. Cox. The sum involved in the complaint is \$1,850. Civil action was started by the plaintiffs some weeks ago, but the action taken by Worth and Cox Thursday calls for a trial in court under criminal charges.

The plaintiffs charge that several months ago they gave Miller \$1,850 with which to purchase for them stock in the High Point Furniture Exposition building and that when they questioned him about it some time afterwards he told them that he had been unable to secure the stock but would do so within a few days.

It is further charged that after considerable time had elapsed they demanded either the stock or their money, and that at that time Miller gave them a worthless check.

W. E. Comer, attorney for the town of Boone, said Monday that property belonging to Miller in High Point was now being advertised for sale to satisfy the judgment of the town. Should this property not bring enough to pay the full amount of the note, then execution will be issued against the person of the defendant. It is understood that a proposition had been made to the town officials by friends of Miller in the way of a compromise, but just what the proposition was, has not been made public.

## 15 HAVE PERISHED IN EFFORTS TO CROSS ATLANTIC BY AIR

New York, Oct. 20.—Prior to Lieut. Commander H. C. MacDonald's flight, eighteen persons have lost their lives in attempts to cross the Atlantic ocean by air. They were:

Captain St. Roman, a French officer and Commander Moncreux, started from St. Louis, Senegal, May 5, 1927, for Buenos Aires and never heard from again.

Captain Charles Nungesser and François Coli, French, lost their lives trying to fly from France to America the same month.

On August 21, 1927, Captain Leslie Hamilton, Col. Frederick F. Minchin, and Princess Luowenstein-Wertheim took off from Upavou, England in the St. Rhael for Ottawa, and disappeared.

American, Claude W. Bertaud, James Hill and Philip Payne, perished when they flew from Old Orchard, Mass. on September 5, 1927, in an attempt to reach Rome.

Captain Terry Dilly and Lieut. James Merrill were lost after leaving London, Oct. 7, September 7, 1927, for London, England.

Captain Walter Hinchiffe and the Hon. Elsie Mackay vanished after leaving England on a trans-Atlantic flight on March 13, 1928.

Mrs. Frances Grayson in "The Dawn" left Roosevelt Field, N. Y., with three companions—Vern Onidal, Bruce Goldsborough and Fred Koehler—for a flight to Newfoundland en route across the Atlantic and were lost off Newfoundland.

## Anti-Smith Speaker Heard by Large Crowd

All available space was filled in the courthouse Saturday afternoon when Evangelist E. M. Ham, anti-Smith crusader of Oklahoma, spoke against the candidacy of the Democratic presidential nominee. The gathering was a mixed one from a political viewpoint, the overwhelming majority of the audience being of Republican faith. The secretary of the Watauga Anti-Smith Democratic committee, Jas. W. McGhee, made the initial remarks and introduced to the audience Mr. E. J. Norris, well-loved Confederate veteran, who, with a few well chosen words, introduced the speaker of the day. Mr. Ham launched into his speech, criticizing the legislative record of the New York governor and urging his hearers to rally against his candidacy at the same time holding up the hands of the Republican nominee. Standing room was at a premium and there was loud and frequent applause as the speaker scored his points.