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NEWS OF A WEEK AT BLOWING ROCK

Baptist Church Here and at Cove Creek May Unite in Calling a Pastor: Other News of Interest

By RUPERT GILLET

Blowing Rock, Nov. 10.—It is possible that the Blowing Rock Baptist church will make arrangements with the Cove Creek Baptist church for a joint pastor after the departure of Rev. F. M. Huggins, the present pastor, in December, it is said by prominent members of the Blowing Rock church.

The Rev. Mr. Huggins, who is pastor of the Boone and Blowing Rock churches, has accepted a call to the Baptist church of Abingdon, Va. It is expected that the Boone church will go on full time after his departure, and in that case the Blowing Rock church would have to make arrangements with another church for a part-time pastor.

The Cove Creek church, it is understood, favors an arrangement whereby the joint pastor would conduct services in each church two Sundays a month.

Rev. Mr. Huggins has one more Sunday in Blowing Rock, December 5, and the matter may be decided at that time, it was said.

To Meet With Budget Commission

The board of trustees of the Appalachian State Normal School at Boone will meet with the advisory budget commission in Raleigh some time before the general assembly convenes in January, said Thomas H. Coffey, newly elected representative from Watauga county and chairman of the school's board of trustees.

At that conference, Mr. Coffey said, the proposed appropriations for the school will be discussed. According to figures published by the budget commission last Thursday, the school has asked for \$80,000 this year, as compared with the \$39,338.55 which it spent last year.

Several urgently needed improvements for the school are under consideration, but it is not at all certain that the money for them will be granted, Mr. Coffey said, in view of the budget reductions that will probably be made by the commission.

Completing Maps for Water System

Cyrus C. Babb, of Hickory, consulting engineer in charge of the construction of the new water and sewerage system of Blowing Rock, is completing his maps and diagrams of the system for the use of city officials.

The maps will show every pipe line, manhole and gate for the guidance of repair crews. In addition, cross section diagrams are being prepared to show the depth of each pipe line, its exact location, the formation through which it passes and the kind and size of pipe.

The construction work, under the direction of R. L. Farmer, superintendent for the contractors, is progressing rapidly toward completion. Work is being hastened especially on the septic tank, where stone pillars have just been completed for the pipes. The standpipe on Blowing Rock Hotel hill is also being hastened. The concrete foundation for it has already been laid and the ditch for the pipe line down the hill is completed.

Revival Closes

The revival meeting, conducted in the Baptist church here for ten days by the Rev. T. C. Canipe, evangelist for the Baptist state mission board, was closed Thursday night after a most enthusiastic service. Although no additions to the church resulted from the meeting, a keen interest in church work was revived, said the pastor, Rev. F. M. Huggins, of Boone.

Personal Mention

W. C. Clawson and family have returned to their home on the highway for the winter.

Joe Penella and family are installed in their apartment above Mr. Penella's business establishment for the winter, with the intention of building in the spring.

T. H. Coffey and wife made a business trip to Statesville recently.

R. L. Farmer, superintendent for the contractors installing water and sewerage in Blowing Rock, has returned to oversee the completion of this work.

Dr. Goodman, of Lenoir, and Miss Rae Critcher, a nurse in the hospital

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BUSINESS HOUSES ARE CLOSED TODAY

Store, banks, garages and all places of business in the community are closed today in observance of Armistice Day. Notice to this effect is given elsewhere in these columns, which also authorizes the closing of business on November 25, Thanksgiving Day.

BEAR HUNTING IN THE BLACK MT.

Dr. Hodges Gives Interesting Account of Hunt in Which Two Bears Were Bagged

By RUPERT GILLET

"Bears are thicker than rabbits in the Black Mountain country," said Dr. J. M. Hodges, of Boone, on his return from a hunt on Black Mountain, in which he and his party of seven hunters bagged a 200-pound bear, and another hunting party killed a second bear that the Hodges party had started.

Dr. Hodges and his party left here October 26 and went directly to Black Mountain. The weather was cold, Dr. Hodges said, and sheets of ice, not merely icicles, a foot long hung from the branches of the trees. The underbrush in the forest was so thick that the hunters had to crawl when they started the next morning in search of game.

"Caskey Hodges and Dr. Dorsey," Dr. Hodges related, "were put on the first stand. Within 30 minutes after we started, the dogs aroused a bear and started him toward us. He passed Caskey, who emptied a charge of buckshot in his side, but he did not stop. Dr. Dorsey then emptied two charges of buckshot into the bear's side, but still the animal did not stop."

For several minutes the hunters listened as the huge beast lumbered on in spite of his wounds, crashing through the underbrush and emitting growls of fury and pain. Suddenly all sounds save the redoubled baying of the dogs ceased. The hunters made their way through the underbrush, the branches of which scratched their skins, and found the bear had dropped dead as he ran, a half mile from where he was shot by Caskey Hodges and Dr. Dorsey. He was taken back to camp, skinned and weighed. He tipped the beam at 200 pounds.

"The next morning," Dr. Hodges continued, "the dogs jumped a bear in twenty minutes after we started. The dogs of another hunting party joined the race and confused our dogs. The bear was eventually freed and killed by Mr. Jones' party."

On the third day, Dr. Hodges said, their dogs chased a bear all forenoon until they were exhausted, but the bear was not killed.

"Next week," Dr. Hodges concluded, "we are going back to get Kettlefoot."

Kettlefoot is the famous 600-pound bear that has ravaged the sheep folds and the cow pastures around Black Mountain for ten years. Many hunters have seen him, some have shot at him, but none has ever hit him. Those who have seen him recently report that his fat is getting gray around the head and breast, and that he is accompanied by a small bear that follows him like a jackal to get the food that Kettlefoot kills and leaves after he has satiated his own hunger.

Those who accompanied Dr. Hodges on the hunt are Charles Miller, Jim Hampton, Dr. Dorsey, John Knight, Millard Hodges and Caskey Hodges.

TEACHERS' CERTIFICATES

It is very important that I have a record at once of every teacher's certificate in the county.

The "November Budget" will be made right soon and if you fail to have your latest certificate with full credits on record and so reported in the budget you will be credited by the state with your old certificate and salary.

This notice applies to teachers who have not sent in your certificate or who have raised or renewed since last year.

SMITH HAGAMAN,
County Superintendent.

MEASURE OF OUR THANKFULNESS

Publicity Committee Asks for Liberal Contributions For Orphanages on Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving: "The act of expressing gratitude for favors and mercies; a public celebration of divine goodness; a day so set apart."

The season of Thanksgiving is upon us. Just how thankful are you? The measure of your thankfulness is found in what you are willing to do, and will do, for those who are not as fortunate as you are. If you are truly thankful for this Christian land of ours, for the creature comforts that God has given you during the past year, for the prosperity that your community, your state, and your nation enjoy, you will show it by trying to pass on to those worthy of your benefactions, some of the blessings that you and yours are enjoying.

If you are looking for some such outlet as this for the joyful spirit of Thanksgiving that is filling your heart, we commend to your consideration the appeal of the North Carolina Orphan Association which is asking every citizen of the Old North State to contribute to the orphanage of his or her choice, on, or near, Thanksgiving Day, the full proceeds of one day's labor.

There are 25 of these institutions in North Carolina. All of them are cleanly administered and all of them are worthy of the unstinted support of all good people. You will make no mistake in giving to any of them for all of them are doing noble, conscientious work.

These orphanages have added wonderfully to the state's richest assets—her manhood and her womanhood. Many thousands of homeless and helpless children have been lifted out of and above all unfavorable environment and have been developed into useful men and women by these splendid institutions established by those who "live not unto themselves alone."

In all respects, these orphanages are worthy of our support and we can do no finer thing at this blessed Thanksgiving season than to show our love and appreciation for them and for the thousands of helpless children whom they are nourishing and bringing up under religious influences, by remembering them at Thanksgiving in the same measure as God has blessed us during the year.

The most appealing and cheering of all pictures of the Saviour of the world is the classic one in which He holds little children in His arms and blesses them. The orphan homes of our state, where fatherless and motherless little children are enfolded by devoted and trained servitors and foster mothers, are the modern sheltering arms of the Master whose blessings they received in the long ago.

But the blessings to these precious little ones come from charitably inclined people who contribute to their nurture, to their right living to their future happiness. To this be permitted to become an imitation of Him who doeth all things well, in His lovingest mortal guise, is such a special privilege, it were sacrifice to think of, even as charity, when in assuming our Saviour's overt act of blessing others, we are thrice blessed ourselves.

The wage or income of a day at Thanksgiving to one or more of the orphan homes will surely bring joy to the hearts of every one who gives cheerfully. It would most assuredly be keeping on good terms with conscience.

The income of a day for helpless children is a fair exchange—joy for dollars; life for money. But, remember, joy is not to be purchased; life is not for sale. They come freely to all who meet worthy the demands of their own hearts; and they come in no other way—in no other terms.

A gift for the care and education of helpless children will measure the circumference and also the depth of the heart of the donor himself—not others. Do not suffer your better impulses to be belittled; make no compromises with your heart, lest you do yourself an injury, not in the eyes of others but in your own estimation.

Men grow from within, not from without. Men make themselves big or little by their thoughts and deeds. Take the full measure of your heart in responding to the call of the or-

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FUNDS OF COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION SHOW SURPLUS

A. T. Allen, certified public accountant, who has just completed an audit of the books of the board of education for Watauga county, left this week for Raleigh, where he will complete his report. It has recently been charged that a deficit of approximately \$26,000 existed in the county school funds. Mr. Allen's audit shows, instead of a deficit, assets amounting to \$14,046.90 in excess of liabilities—in other words, the board of education is \$14,046.90 to the good. Here is a statement of the assets and liabilities of the board as submitted by Auditor Allen:

CURRENT ASSETS

Taxes uncollected	\$70,667.15
Balance in Watauga County Bank	2,652.20
Balance in Peoples' Bank	804.80
Certificates of Deposit	7,896.65
Notes receivable	4,752.01
Total assets	\$86,772.81

CURRENT LIABILITIES

Cash overdraft	\$17,225.91
Notes payable	55,000.00
Total liabilities	\$72,225.91
Surplus of assets over liabilities	\$14,046.90

PRESIDENT COOLIDGE ISSUES THANKSGIVING PROCLAMATION

America, prosperous, happy, at peace with all the world is blessed among the nations of the earth, President Coolidge declares in a proclamation setting November 25 as Thanksgiving Day. The proclamation follows:

"As a nation and as individuals we have passed another twelve months in the favor of the Almighty. He has smiled upon our fields and they have brought forth plentifully. Business has prospered; industries have flourished and labor has been well employed. While sections of our country have been visited by disaster, we have been spared any great national calamity or pestilential visitation. We are blessed among the nations of the earth.

"Our moral and spiritual life has kept measure with our material prosperity. We are not unmindful of the gratitude we owe to God, for His watchful care, which has pointed out to us the ways of peace and happiness; we should not fail in our acknowledgement of His divine favor, which has bestowed upon us so many blessings. Neither should we be forgetful of those among us who, through stress of circumstances, are less fortunately placed, but by deeds of charity make our acknowledgement more acceptable in His sight.

"Wherefore, I, Calvin Coolidge, president of the United States, do hereby set apart Thursday, the 25th day of November, next, as a day of general thanksgiving and prayer, and I recommend that on that day the people shall cease from their daily work and in their homes or in their accustomed places of worship, devoutly give thanks to the Almighty for the many and great blessings they have received and seek His guidance that through good deeds and brotherly love they may deserve a continuance of His favor.

"In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the great seal of the United States.

"Done at the City of Washington, this thirteenth day of October, in the year of our Lord 1926, and of the Independence of the United States, one hundred and fifty-first.

(Signed) "Calvin Coolidge."

VALLE CRUCIS NEWS

Valle Crucis, Nov. 10.—Mrs. John Dyer and Mrs. Luther Nave, of Mt. City, visited Mrs. J. L. Tester on Monday.

Mrs. Arthur Mast, who has been sick for the past week, is much improved.

The box supper at the Valle Crucis public school on Saturday night to raise funds for the benefit of the school, was well attended and successful. A concert by the Thomas band added to the pleasure of the evening.

Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Taylor, Miss Wilma Baird and Frank Baird dined with Mr. and Mrs. Howard Mast in Boone Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hobby, Miss Goodwin and Mr. White, of Concord, visited relatives in the valley last Thursday.

HONOR ROLL 2ND MONTH BLOWING ROCK SCHOOL

Below is given the honor roll of the Blowing Rock school for the second month of this year:

First Grade

Evelyn Brown, Francis Pitts, Mary Louise Williams, Jewell Hartley, Nellie Gray Sides, Alma Lowdermilk, Beula Lowdermilk, Wake Casel, Dean Jenkins, Daniel Kluttz, Lewis Lowdermilk, John Keller.

Second and Third Grades

Nancy Ward, Ruby White, Blanche Wooten, Evelyn Jenkins, Bettie Robbins, Gladys Teaster, Paul Kluttz, Chas. Robbins, Dennis Coffey, Doss Keller, George Sudderth, Carl Walters.

Fourth and Fifth Grades

Dare Hartley, Opal Pitts, Elizabeth Greer, Irene Jenkins, Grace Reid, Beulah Teaster, Bessie Wooten, Hazel Mays, Virgola Walters, Arline Jenkins, Ollie Foster, Mary Kluttz, Luther Greene, Vaughn Hartley, Edward Robbins.

Sixth Grade

Virginia Coffey, Dee Cannon, Elizabeth Walters, Dorris White, Evelyn Greene, Sidney Cannon, Edward Coffey, Jack Greene.

Seventh Grade

Mary Wooten, Eleanor Story, Ola Coffey, Annie Coffey, Clara Greene, Virginia Sudderth, Maude Mays, Dewey Story, Frank Kluttz, Harlan Coffey, Perks Knight, Arnold Coffey.

Eighth Grade

Helen Sudderth, Margaret Sudderth, Margaret Sudderth, Lois Kluttz.

Ninth Grade

Elizabeth Sudderth, Velma Cannon, Edna Miller, Lucile Reid, Elynn Crisp.

SHERIFF FARTHING ON ROUNDS FOR TAXES

Sheriff L. M. Farthing announces dates and places where he will be for the next month for the purpose of collecting taxes for the years 1925 and 1926. Collections so far for this year have been very small and the sheriff urges the taxpayers to meet him and settle at once. See add elsewhere in this paper.

CONGRESSIONAL VOTE

Congressman Robert L. Doughton carried Watauga county in the recent election by a majority of 129, over his opponent, Hon. O. F. Poole.

The official vote by townships in this contest is as follows:

Township	Doughton	Poole
Bald Mt.	72	121
Beaver Dam	322	84
Blowing Rock	218	171
Blue Ridge	43	232
Boone	667	487
Cove Creek	410	265
Elk	30	173
Laurel Creek	287	200
Meat Camp No. 1	250	168
Meat Camp No. 2	29	23
North Fork	30	82
Shawneehaw	132	138
Story Fork	119	325
Watauga	359	390
Total	2988	2895

A FEW RESULTS OF THE ELECTION

South Dakota Elects First Democratic Governor; Nellie Ross Defeated in Wyoming

The first Democrat ever to occupy the governor's chair in South Dakota will move into the state house in January. W. J. Bulow, Democrat, was victorious in the recent election over Carl Gunderson, Republican governor, with the tacit help of a Republican faction which deplored Gunderson's efforts to get the state out of the rural credit enterprise by which it has loaned \$47,000,000 to farmers and land owners of that state.

Frank C. Emerson, Republican, defeated Governor Nellie Ross, Wyoming's Democratic woman governor, by a small majority.

In the far west, the Republicans did better than in the east. They re-elected Senator Wesley L. Jones in Washington; Senator T. L. Oddie in Nevada, and California went Republican by a majority of almost landslide magnitude. In addition, Nevada delivered two official broadsides at prohibition by adopting a proposal declaring the national dry act a failure and another requiring its state legislature to memorialize congress to call a constitutional convention to change the eighteenth amendment.

George H. Combs, Jr., 27-year-old congressman-elect from the fifth Missouri district, will go to Washington as the "Baby Member" of congress. Combs, a Democrat, who ousted the veteran Republican, E. C. Ellis, from his seat, will replace Samuel J. Montgomery, of Oklahoma, the "baby" of the last house. Montgomery is 30 years old.

Seven Democrats will succeed seven Republicans in the senate in the next congress. They are: David L. Walsh, Massachusetts, who defeated William M. Butler, friend, counselor and campaign manager of President Coolidge; Robert F. Wagner, defeated James W. Wadsworth, Jr., in New York; Congressman Elmer Thomas defeated Senator John W. Harrell in Oklahoma; Congressman Harry Hawes succeeds Senator George N. Williams in Missouri; Judge Alben W. Barkley replaces Senator R. P. Ernst in Kentucky; Congressman Car Hayden defeated Senator Ralph H. Cameron in Arizona and Millard O. Tydings, succeeds Senator O. E. Weller in Maryland.

Governor Ritchie was for the third time elected governor of Maryland, and now takes his place in the front rank of Democratic presidential possibilities.

NEWS OF COVE CREEK

Sugar Grove, Nov. 10.—Cove Creek high school won a double header basketball game on Friday. The score with the Boone high school was 39-9 and with New River 31-7.

Rev. Uriah Farthing was a recent visitor at chapel and conducted devotional exercises.

Hon. K. L. Doughton spoke in the school auditorium to a number of patrons and students several days ago. Mr. Doughton congratulated the community on the progress along educational lines and in the erection of buildings. He contrasted conditions now with those existing ten years ago and urged the younger people to make good use of the splendid opportunities offered them in securing an education.

Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Horton had as week-end guests Miss Bertie Phillips, Miss Belle Petit and Mr. Harry Caldwell, of Gaffney, S. C.

All the teachers of the Cove Creek school, together with several others of the county attended the annual meeting of the Northwestern District at Greensboro October 29-30.

Mr. W. F. Sherwood has been confined to his room for several days with a rather severe attack of neuralgia.

The members of the Cove Creek Baptist church gave a birthday dinner last Sunday in honor of their pastor, Rev. L. A. Hurst.

John Skelton Williams, former comptroller of the currency, died at his home in Richmond, Va., last Thursday night. Heart trouble was the cause of his death.