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New Model Ford to Go On Display December 2

New Lizzie Will Go On Display Next Friday, But None Will Be Available For Sale

Henry Ford's new car, which officials of the Ford Motor Company say will be responsible for the expenditure of nearly eight hundred million dollars for labor and materials during 1928, will be given its first public showing in the United States, Canada and England on Friday, December 2. Mr. Ford announced on last Thursday.

Coincident with the announcement of the showing of the new car, which will be known as the "model A" came a review of world business conditions from Henry Ford, in which the manufacturer explained his suspension of activities since early last summer, when re-tooling of the Ford plants began in preparation for the new model.

"My outlook for the coming year is based on ample evidence of continued and increasing material prosperity," Mr. Ford declared. "National wealth is increasing. Individuals have more money. Taxes are on the decrease and governmental economy has made for better business in all lines.

"People buy when they have money. They become cautious in their expenditures only when money becomes scarce. Money is not scarce today, nor will it become so next year, in my opinion. Therefore, we will have what we visualize as prosperity.

"The outlook for 1928 is simply a matter of production. Production means the consumption of materials and labor. All production in this country is either holding its own or increasing and I believe that it will continue to increase during the next year. That will mean greater distribution of money and greater purchasing power."

Approximately 70,000 men are employed in the Ford plants today, Ford stated, and these men are earning more than the 90,000 men who were employed at the main manufacturing plants at the height of the Model T production.

Although officials of the Ford Motor Company would not comment on the possible date when the new car will be available to purchasers, they stated that for more than a month the chief manufacturing plants of the Ford company have been producing cars for capacity production of the new cars at 33 assembly plants in the United States shortly after the first of the year.

It was intimated that dealers throughout the country will be able to secure but one car for display purposes on next Friday and that it will be more than a month before any models will go on sale. Ford officials refused to make any statement regarding the regular production schedule for the new model.

BOND OF \$1,000 REQUIRED OF BINGHAM ON ASSAULT CHARGE

The Democrat was slightly in error in its report of the Lathin Bingham bad check episode last week. It is stated that the warrant charging him with giving bad checks was issued by Magistrate Stout of Cove Creek township, who released Mr. Bingham under \$200 bond. A date was set for the hearing but Bingham had it removed from before Mr. Stout and it was heard before Magistrate Smith McBride last Friday, Bingham being ordered to pay the checks and costs. Magistrate McBride issued the warrant for Bingham charging assault with a deadly weapon and held him under bond of \$1,000. Bingham refused to fill the bond and asked that commitment papers be issued admitting him to the county jail. He was sent to Boone in charge of Deputy Sheriff Lee Mast. However, upon arriving here he went before Magistrate E. N. Hahn who released him under \$300 bond. He was re-arrested and required to make the original bond of \$1,000, under which he is now at liberty. The assault charge grew out of an alleged attack he made upon DeWitt Brown, who swore out the warrant for Bingham for giving a bad check.

'STRICT STEWARDS IN CONFERENCE AT JEFFERSON

Stewards' meeting for the North Watauga district was held in Jefferson Tuesday. There are only 15 persons in the district, 12 of the charges in all the district stewards pastored with a large number of laymen attended the meeting and for the next year's much-lauded serious churches was work in the hope, will mean done which the present conference much during the year. Rev. Moore of his stewards, church with three represented the and J. S. Stanbury, Grady Farthing, Messrs. E. N. Hahn, charge and re-Boone-Blowing Rock meeting

RED CROSS GOES OVER THE TOP

Watauga Chapter Now Has Membership of 130, Boone Securing 103 and Blowing Rock 27; Quota for County Was Placed at 100

Thanks to Misses Ruth Benfield and Eric Greer, two of the town's choice and most energetic young ladies, Boone did well in the annual Red Cross roll call, which closed last Thursday. Watauga's quota was only 100, as the organization was absolutely dormant for the past three years. When the young ladies reached the quota, and then some, in Boone, they were satisfied when they turned in, with the cash 103 memberships. Blowing Rock showed up with 27, making a total memberships in the county 130.

A list of the members follows:

Miss Ruth Benfield
R. C. Rivers, Clyde R. Greene, M. B. Woosley, W. R. Gragg, C. H. Garland, D. P. Wyke, L. M. Farthing, F. C. Ward, F. M. Greer, Mrs. Smith Hagaman, A. E. South, Carl Payne, J. C. McConnell, T. E. Moore, W. H. Dick, J. L. Qualls, C. C. Farthing, C. S. Stevenson, J. W. Norris, Lionell Ward, G. E. Ashley, W. R. Winkler, A. E. Hamby, J. A. Spoles, P. A. Coffey, L. L. Bingham, J. T. C. Wright, Nesbitt Sullivan, A. B. Cole, Dr. W. R. Butler, Tracy Council, J. E. Moore, Rebbecca Boone Tea Room, J. D. Rankin, S. M. Ayers, Fred Farthing, John W. Hodges, Ruth Coffey, Ruth Gilley, Bill Tunnell, L. T. Tatum, L. L. Critcher, L. D. Woodard, A. C. Reper, A. M. Norton, Ruth Barker, Madelyn Larkin, D. M. Devane, Lily Dale, H. N. Blair, M. P. Critcher, Dr. J. C. Farthing, Ruth Vaughan, Shaler Gilley, Ethel Bouchelle, J. L. Sawyer, A. E. Smith, Jennie Todd, George Moretz.

Miss Eric Greer
M. W. Beach, W. D. Farthing, B. H. Watson, S. C. Eggers, W. H. Gragg, E. N. Hahn, J. R. Gragg, H. W. Mast, W. R. Lovell, Smith Hagaman, Rob Rivers, J. B. Taylor, W. C. Walker, W. L. Cook, L. S. Issues, W. A. Davis, R. F. McDade, R. H. Steiner, Ed Qualls, G. K. Moore, C. C. Cook, W. C. Greer, Hi-Land Furniture Co., C. P. Hagaman, John E. Brown, L. B. Vaughn, Mrs. L. B. Vaughn, I. G. Greer, Mrs. I. G. Greer, Mrs. W. S. Whiting, Miss Jennie Coffey, R. R. Johnson, J. F. Robbins, A. J. Greene, D. D. Dougherty, Graydon P. Eggers, P. A. Hicks, S. F. Horton, Robert Pulliam, Albert Watson, Gordon Winkler, Esther Fleming, Miss Euna Todd, Dr. J. M. Gaither.

Blowing Rock
G. M. Suddeth, G. B. Miller, Mrs. Lily Hartley, William Holshouser, J. H. Winkler, Ambrose Underdown, Joe Spainhour, Mrs. C. S. Prevette, Rupert Gillett, Mrs. Rupert Gillett, Mrs. J. H. Winkler, Mrs. C. C. Robbins, T. H. Coffey, Mrs. T. H. Coffey, Miss Ellen Coffey, Mrs. W. L. Crisp, Elyam Crisp, Mrs. A. V. Sale, Mrs. John Lantz, Miss Pearl Webb, J. N. White, A. E. Mercer, Miss Velma Cannon, Miss Margaret Suddeth, Miss Edna Miller, Miss Penn Robbins, Miss Ethel Day.

AMERICAN LEGION MEETING ON FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9TH

The following letter has been sent to members of Watauga Post No. 130, American Legion:
Comrade:
There will be a very important meeting of Watauga Post No. 130, American Legion, in the legion hall promptly at 7:30 p. m., Friday, December 9th.

The World War adjusted compensation act became a law in 1924, that no veteran who served in the World War cannot make application for his adjusted compensation after January 1, 1925. Therefore, we extend to each and every ex-service man in Watauga county a cordial invitation to be present at this meeting, and let the legion help you get what has been given to you and your children.

We will have plenty of blank forms at this meeting, therefore, bring your discharge and let us help you make your application.

Come on boys, and let's put this thing over as we did the July 4th celebration last summer. We owe it to our dependents to apply for this compensation.

We must do something worth while!
L. S. Isaacs, Commander.
J. W. Norris, Adjutant.

STILL DESTROYED

Deputy Sheriff P. C. Wyke, Policeman Eugene Story of Blowing Rock and Allen Gragg destroyed a forty-gallon capacity copper still on Mayview Branch, near the Caldwell county line, Tuesday night. A lot of beer and two gallons of booze were destroyed, but no arrests were made. The officers were held out for several hours but no arrests were made.

D. P. Wyke Named Deputy Game Com.

Will Have 12 Counties in His District; Working for Uniform Enforcement

Announcements made through the department of conservation and development of the appointment of Mr. David P. Wyke of Shulls Mills as deputy game and fish commissioner for this district. His territory comprises Alleghany, Ashe, Avery, Burke, Caldwell, McDowell, Mitchell, Rutherford, Surry, Watauga, Wilkes and Yancey counties. Mr. Wyke's first step will be to visit each county in the district and see that the county wardens have active organizations for law enforcement, to the end that the game and fish laws will be equally observed in all sections.

WHITE HOUSE SEES OBSTACLES TO TREATY OUTLAWING WAR

Washington, Nov. 25.—Anxious to discuss with world powers proposals for the outlawing of war, President Coolidge feels nevertheless that the constitution of the United States presents a serious difficulty in the way of a binding treaty.

It was recalled today at the White House that the constitution places with congress the responsibility of declaring war. Mr. Coolidge believes congress cannot, therefore, be deprived of this power by any treaty but he does think a treaty expressing a declaration of policy is possible.

The president indicated a desire to engage in conversations with other nations about such treaties, believing considerable good would come from public concentration upon the subject.

However, he does not see the way clear for a general conference of the nations on the subject of outlawing war. If treaties are to be negotiated, he thinks they should be made separately between governments.

In this connection, Chairman Borah of the senate relations committee, today advocated that the principle of the proposed treaty to outlaw war between France and this country be extended to negotiations with all other leading world powers, including Great Britain, Italy, Japan and Germany.

While there was no direct comment at the White House on the proposal of Senator Capper, Republican of Kansas, that America enter into a treaty agreeing to abstain from trading with any nations waging aggressive warfare, it was indicated that the president saw dangers in such a policy.

Definition of the word "aggressor" was seen as the stumbling block and it was felt that the necessity of determining which nation was the aggressor would be apt to lead this country into actual hostilities.

While negotiations between France and the United States over the proposal of Foreign Minister Briand of France for a treaty to outlaw war are still far from the treaty-making stage, there is increasing interest in this subject manifested in congress. Senator Borah will reintroduce his resolution proposing a treaty to outlaw war and Senator Capper will do likewise in a resolution asking also that action be taken with regard to aggressor nations.

VALLE CRUCIS

Valle Crucis, Nov. 30.—Mrs. J. M. Shull on Thanksgiving day went to Jefferson with Ira T. Johnson for a visit to her daughter and to assist Mr. and Mrs. Johnson move into their new home.

Mrs. Roscoe Cardill, who is in the Banner Elk Hospital, is reported to be doing very well.

The Missionary Society met last Friday at the home of Mrs. D. F. Mast.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Mezzies, Jr., and little son of Hickory, spent Sunday in the valley.

Miss Effie Heffner and Miss Susie Taylor motored to Johnson City on Thanksgiving afternoon, returning the next day.

The usual Thanksgiving Day service was held at Holy Cross church, the church being decorated with fruits of the harvest.

Messrs. J. C. Mast and J. D. Shull made a trip down country the end of last week. On their return they brought Miss Mina Shull home from Gastonia, who spent Sunday here with relatives.

The Woman's Auxiliary held its meeting on Monday at the home of Mrs. Roy Michell.

On last Friday, Mrs. G. P. Dunn, Mrs. Lee Stout, W. H. Mast and Carl Hohnle accompanied Oscar Mast as far as Johnson City on his return to Missouri after a two weeks' visit in Valle Crucis.

The Poor Simp

"Mary," said the poor pride of a husband, "if you don't pull down the curtain, some one's going to see that mole on your neck."

LINNEY DECLINES TO SAY YES OR NO

It is too Early to Discuss Candidate is All He Has to Say Regarding the Race for the Governorship Next Year

By RUPERT GILLETT

Frank A. Linney, Republican leader in western North Carolina, declined Thursday to confirm or deny the report that he will be the Republican candidate for governor at the next general election.

"It is too early to discuss candidates," Mr. Linney said in answer to the question and would not amplify that statement in any way.

The report that Mr. Linney will be a candidate has persisted ever since he made an address in Winston-Salem recently before the state tobacco growers. The gist of that address was that the state and federal departments of agriculture should be reorganized with a view to obtaining markets for farm products, and pay less attention to production.

Many political observers saw in that address Mr. Linney's opening gun in the campaign for governor, but he himself will not say whether he is to be a candidate or not.

Mr. Linney was a candidate for governor on the Republican ticket in 1916 against the late Thomas W. Bickett. At that time, one of the main planks in his platform was a state-wide tax for schools, as opposed to the present system of part local and part state taxes.

Mr. Linney would not say what would be his platform if he should decide to be a candidate at the next election.

NORMAL NOTES

Thanksgiving Day passed off in a most pleasing and satisfactory manner in Boone and at the Normal. Splendid services were held at the Methodist and Baptist churches, at the former in the morning and at the latter in the evening. A suitable exercise was held at the Normal at 11:30 to which those who were helpers in starting off the work on the first school building, from which has grown the Normal, were invited.

Those who spoke at the exercise were Dr. J. D. Rankin on the "Official Galls," Prof. I. G. Greer, "The National Bird," Dr. E. B. Dougherty giving a hearty welcome to the invited guests, and his talk brought out some fine reminiscences of the past history of the Normal. Prof. G. J. Sawyer's subject was "My Best Thanksgiving Day." Following this a short musical program was rendered by the chorus class under charge of Miss Henkel. At the close of the exercise all were invited to the central dining hall where all enjoyed a most sumptuous dinner, turkey being the staple meat. Good after-dinner speeches were made by F. A. Linney and W. R. Lovell.

On Wednesday at the chapel hour Miss Eula Todd of the Demonstration school, brought in pupils of the seventh grade who gave a very fine program of songs and recitations.

At 3 o'clock in the afternoon a basketball game was played in the Normal Gym between North Wilkesboro "All-stars" and the Normal team.

To add to Mr. Downum's Thanksgiving his people from Lenoir, Mrs. Downum, Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Ford, his son-in-law and daughter, and little Miss Margaret Ford, his granddaughter, spent the afternoon with him.

Monday evening an Irish play, entitled "The Wishing Well," was presented in the auditorium of the Normal by members of the faculty and student body. The different acts of the play were well played and brought out in the characteristic Irish manner.

WORTH WHILE CLUB

Mrs. W. C. Greer entertained the Worth While club and out-of-town guests last Thursday with a delightful Thanksgiving program at her home.

As the guests gathered in the large living room, decorated in gold and yellow, Mrs. Bennett led a Thanksgiving devotional service, and then each club member was asked to give a quotation on Thanksgiving. All then sang "Make Me a Channel of Blessing."

Rev. and Mrs. F. M. Huggins of Abingdon, Va., made short talks to the company. Mr. Huggins was formerly pastor of the Boone Baptist church.

After a reading by Mrs. Eller of Hampton and a song by the college quartet, Mrs. Greer served a two-course luncheon.

Guests of the club besides Mr. and Mrs. Huggins and Mrs. Eller, were Mrs. D. D. Dougherty and Mrs. I. G. Greer.

Ain't It True?

English Prof: What is a poet?
Po. (Dutchman): A poet is a fellow who writes verse and verse and verse.

One Test O. K.

"What makes you so sure you're not a fool?"
"Because I wasn't born every minute."

Happenings of Week At Blowing Rock

Work on Sidewalks Suspended Until Spring; Harry Cooper in Hospital With Injured Arm

By RUPERT GILLETT

Blowing Rock, Nov. 30.—Work on Blowing Rock's sidewalks has been discontinued for the winter because of the danger that the concrete would freeze before it set. Except for a few feet at each end of Main street, the walks have been completed on that street from the Yonahlossee road to Norvel's Hill. Next spring this work will be completed and the walks will be extended on Boone street from Main to the town hall on one side and to the new school building on the other. One side of the Yonahlossee road for one block will also have a sidewalk.

Harry Cooper, mechanic at the Blowing Rock Garage, was taken to the Watauga hospital Monday because of complications arising from an injury he received in repairing a windshield. He was reported to be resting easily Wednesday. The accident occurred when Mr. Cooper tried to force the windshield glass into place. The glass broke, Mr. Cooper's arm went through it, and his arm was severely cut around the wrist. Although the wound bled profusely, no arteries were severed. Because of infection that appeared late last week, Mr. Cooper was taken to the hospital.

Twenty-six members of the Red Cross were obtained by a committee of high school girls who canvassed the town in three days under the direction of Principal A. E. Mercer of the high school. The town was divided into districts, with a team of girls in charge of each district. All girls in the high school took part in the canvass. The following girls were on the committee: Velma Cannon, Edna Miller, Pam Robbins, Lucille Coffey, Margaret Suddeth, Anne Coffey, Ruby Richards, Ruby Henderson, V. Hartley, Anne Ward and Ola Coffey.

A capacity audience in the Pastime Theater in Boone applauded the performance of the Blowing Rock Dramatic Club in presenting the farce comedy, "Misery Moon," under the direction of Joseph Warren of Mt. Airy. Especially pleasing was the acting of A. E. Mercer in the title role and of Spencer Greene as Patrick Keller, the genial ticket seller. Miss Velma Cannon gave a pleasing interpretation of Lulu Pearl, the ragtime girl, as did Miss Pearl Webb of the part of Rosebud Reese. The comedy will be presented Friday night in the auditorium of the Normal high school. The proceeds of this performance will be used to defray the expenses of forming a musical organization in the Newland school. A concert by the Blowing Rock band will precede the performance.

Other members of the cast were Mr. Weaver as Gideon Blair; Paul Foster as Tom Riegle, the colporteur; Mr. Castle as Hiram Tutt; Annie Greene as Samantha Slade; a poor old maid; Edna Miller as Paula Maleek, a Bolshevik. The comedy was so well received in Boone that the performance will be repeated in other towns in this vicinity.

Mayor George M. Suddeth has gone to Florida, where he will spend a two weeks' vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Pamela, of Statesville and Blowing Rock, spent a few days here the latter part of last week. They returned Saturday afternoon to Statesville.

ELLER PRODUCE CO. SHIPS 9,000 TURKEYS

The F. E. Eller Produce Company, of North Wilkesboro, largest dealer in produce in northwest North Carolina, is said to have furnished more than 9,000 turkeys to outside markets for the Thanksgiving dinner. The birds came from Wilkes, Watauga, Surry, Alleghany and Ashe counties.

LIVINGSTON CLUB

The Livingston club met recently at the Methodist church with Miss Dorothy Gragg as hostess. A very interesting program was rendered with an appropriate biography of Maria Layng Gibson in connection with Searritt College. After the program a business meeting was held. Plans were made for the coming year and following officers elected:

President, Mrs. Paul Coffey; vice president, Mrs. Grady Farthing; recording secretary, Miss Dorothy Gragg; social service committee, Miss Mildred McDade, chairman, Mrs. Hendrix and Miss Alice Council; membership committee, Miss Lucille Hopkins, chairman.

At the end of the meeting the guests were conducted to the Rebecca Boone Tea Room where refreshments were served.

Lotta Practice

"Are you on the water wagon for good?"
"Why, sure."
"Well, you ought to know the feeling. You've been on a thousand times before."

PROPERTY VALUE NEARLY 9 MILLION

197,882 Acres of Real Estate Valued at \$7,403,088; Personal Property Listed at \$75,650; Milk Cows Lead Livestock List in Value

Real and personal property in Watauga county as listed on the 1927 tax books is placed at nearly nine million dollars, to be exact, \$8,889,358. The total value of all real estate in the county, 197,882 acres, is valued at \$7,403,088, and the personal property, over and above the homestead is placed at \$75,650.

The total valuation of the livestock in the county is placed at \$354,722; milk cows leading this division with a valuation of \$130,195.

The following table gives the number of livestock as listed and the assessed value thereof:

Number	Value
Sheep	8,160 \$ 46,988
Hogs	3,921 30,890
Cattle (milk)	3,932 130,105
Other cattle	2,482 49,696
Horses	1,642 71,533
Mules	418 21,310
Goats	49 144
Jacks	4 155
Deers	64 911

The aggregate value of manufactured articles is \$46,368; and the value of stocks of merchandise and equipment is valued at \$255,496.

There are 1,997 poll tax payers in the county.

The total amount of taxes that Sheriff L. M. Farthing will collect this year is approximately \$139,000 as against \$145,000 for 1926.

COVE CREEK

Sugar Grove, Nov. 30.—School was discontinued on Wednesday afternoon for the Thanksgiving holidays, both Thursday and Friday being observed.

Miss Winnie Taylor spent the Thanksgiving season with her parents in Wilkes county.

Mr. James M. Horton was at home for the holidays from Wake Forest College. He came over from Asheville, having attended the Wake Forest-Mercer football game.

Rev. R. A. Taylor, returned to the Watauga charge by the conference, was given a generous "pounding" by the member of his churches at his home Thanksgiving day.

On Wednesday night the junior class of the high school gave a play, "Annie, What's Her Name?" in the school auditorium. The play was a decided success, the proceeds amounting to nearly a hundred dollars.

The Cove Creek basket ball team played the Mountain City team in Boone last Saturday. This was the third game between these schools, Mountain City having won only one game of the series. The game at the Boone gymnasium was interesting 27 to 10.

Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Horton spent the week-end in Lenoir with Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Barlow. They also visited relatives in Rock Hill, S. C.

The B. Y. P. L. of the Cove Creek Baptist church gave a delightful social on Saturday night. Refreshments were served and games played.

The new high school building recently completed was moved into on Wednesday. There are 180 high school pupils and six of the eight rooms are in use this year. The temporary partitions in the old building have been torn away, so all the grades are now comfortably situated. The average attendance for the high school during the first three months has been 175.

The patrons of the school have responded very generously to appeals of the school officials for help in leveling off the grounds, but more work is necessary before severe weather sets in. The boys of the school have built a concrete walk connecting the two buildings and have worked on the grounds with teams in a very loyal manner. We are asking again for some teams this week. Give us a day at least before it is too cold to move the dirt.

The Blowing Rock Dramatic Club under the direction of Joseph Warren, will present a farce comedy in the school auditorium Wednesday night, December 14. This play has been presented at Blowing Rock, Boone and Newland with decided success. A 30-piece band accompanies the club and a band concert will be given before the play. The school will receive 30 per cent of the proceeds.

Mrs. Ralph Bingham of Wilkesboro, is visiting home folks.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Sherwood visited relatives in Virginia over the week-end.

Lotta Practice

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