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News of Week in and About Blowing Rock

Annual Horse Show Will Be Held August 15th, With Prizes To Be Awarded in 13 Classes; Dr. Phillips Coming to Stringfellow Memorial Church for Month of August

Blowing Rock, Aug. 1.—Prizes will be awarded in thirteen classes, besides the jumps, in the fifth annual Blowing Rock horse show here August 15, it was announced today by Donald J. Boyden, who has charge of the show. The prizes are expected to draw mounts from all over the south. In fact, managers of some of the south's finest stables have already made inquiries about entries.

First, second, third and fourth prizes will be awarded in the following ponies: Ponies under 40 inches, three-gaited saddle horses, 15 hands, 2 inches and under; fine harness horses, five-gaited saddle horses, 15 hands, 2 inches and under; plantation horses, five-gaited saddle horses over 15 hands, 2 inches; best lady rider, saddle pairs (lady and gentleman), model saddle horses under halter, three-gaited championship (best in show), five-gaited championship, and grand championship, open only to blue ribbon winners.

The show will include also the additional features, potato race, chair race, doughnut race, and high jumps for all classes.

A special grand stand and riding ring will be built on the old Mayview golf course for the show.

Dr. Henry D. Phillips of Columbia, S. C., will arrive here next week to take charge of the Stringfellow Memorial Episcopal church during the month of August. Dr. Phillips will hold services at the church each Sunday during the month. Rev. Stephen Gardner of Washington, N. C., who has had charge of the church during July, will return to Washington next week.

Playing against a field of sixty players, Al C. Ullmer of Jacksonville, Fla., five times amateur champion of Florida, won the second handicap golf tournament on Green Park-Norwood golf course here Saturday with a fine 73. He won also the special prize for low scores on the 600-yard 17th hole with a birdie 4.

Oscar Welborn of Statesville won low net score with a 79 gross, handicap 11, net 68. Frank Pepper of Jacksonville, Fla., and T. V. Kirkman of High Point, tied for second low net, the former with gross 89, handicap 19, net 70, and the latter with gross 85, handicap 15, net 70.

In the special event for ladies, Mrs. Matt Wall of High Point won low net with a well-played 86, handicap 19, net 67. Mrs. Herman Cone of Greensboro won low gross with a 92.

The next tournament will be a flag tournament played Wednesday. The course is in the best condition and great interest is being shown in the tournament.

In Saturday's playing, William E. Williamson, Jr., treasurer of the Charlotte Country Club, made the first hole-in-one of the season. He made the shot on the 115-yard third hole, which is surrounded by sand traps.

Mr. Williamson has been playing golf for the last ten years but this is his first hole-in-one. He scored 79 for the eighteen holes.

The Blowing Rock Power and Light Company's entire plant here has been sold to a firm represented by R. M. Mead of Cleveland, Ohio, according to a deed filed in Boone with Mrs. Pearl Hartley, register of deeds. The deed is for the company's property on the Watauga river near Shulls Mills, the hydro-electric plant at that point, the auxiliary station there and the other at Blowing Rock, six miles of transmission line, and all other buildings and right of way easements belonging to the company.

The terms of the sale could not be determined from the deed. S. J. Sturtevant, head of the Blowing Rock Company, said Mr. Mead or his representatives were expected here this week, and that full details could be obtained on their arrival.

Dr. and Mrs. A. B. Goodman of Lenoir were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Critcher on last Sunday and in the afternoon were entertained on a outing at Green Falls at the foot of Grandfather. Supper was served picnic style, with the following present: Mrs. A. M. Critcher, Dr. and Mrs. Goodman, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Gragg, Misses Ruby, Cleta and Esther Dula, Mrs. Helen Cooper and several little folks, including Wanda, Merl and Jackie Gragg and Laura Helen and Joe Cooper.

Rev. C. Exelle Rozelle, of Chapel Hill, formerly of Charlotte, conducted services Sunday at the Blowing Rock Methodist church.

LIQUOR PRESCRIPTIONS EXCEED PAPER MONEY

Washington, July 28.—The bureau of engraving and printing is putting on two shifts to supply the popular demand for liquor prescription blanks, and is putting on reduced time the employees who print the nation's paper money.

The decrease in the demand for paper money is attributed by the employees whose work is being reduced, to the fact that the increasing use of bank checks is cutting down the exchange of currency.

POLITICAL EVENTS OF THE PAST WEEK

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

Small Challenges Mounzon
Former Representative John H. Small of North Carolina, who for years represented the first district in congress, has issued a challenge to Bishop E. D. Mounzon to meet him on the stump in North Carolina and discuss the Democratic ticket in the coming campaign.

Many Mentioned as Possible Successors to Simmons
About nine names have been mentioned in connection with the national committee recently made vacant by the resignation of Senator F. M. Simmons. The list of potential successors include Congressman Kerr; W. C. Wilkinson, Charlotte; former State Senator A. F. Sams, Winston-Salem; former Governor Cameron Morrison; Josephus Daniels, State Revenue Commissioner R. A. Doughton, J. W. Bailey Raleigh; S. C. Brawley, Durham; J. Q. Gilkey, Durham, and Will Neal of Marion. A conference is expected to be called soon by State Chairman Mull at which time a member of the national committee will be named.

Moody Wins in Texas
Dallas, Texas, July 29.—After more than 400,000 of the estimated 700,000 votes cast in yesterday's state-wide Democratic primary had been counted tonight by the Texas election bureau, it became increasingly evident that Dan Moody, 35-year-old red haired chief executive, had won a sweeping victory, with a run off next month necessary to determine the nominees for United States senator and lieutenant governor.

Moody, who dined "Ma" Ferguson in a sensational contest two years ago, had a clear majority of 75,000 over his three opponents. Louis J. Wadsworth, assisted in campaign speeches by Moody as running with the backing of J. E. Ferguson, former governor, was more than 100,000 behind, while the vote cast for W. E. Hawkins and Mrs. Edith Williams, both of whom refused to support the Democratic presidential nominee, was negligible.

It was to the contest for lieutenant governor, however, that many looked for an expression of pro and anti-Smith sentiment. Barr Miller, of Dallas, incumbent, who pleaded for the "ticket, top to bottom" throughout his campaign, held a lead of more than 62,000 over State Senator Thomas B. Love, who declined to support Governor Smith and whose name as a result was left off the ballots in several counties.

United States Senator E. B. Mayfield continued to hold the lead in the senatorial race over his five opponents, the vote in this contest standing: Mayfield, 117,350; Conaway, 12,339; Owensley, 78,321; Blanton, 77,160; Cunningham, 16,278; McElmore, 7,388. Both Senator Mayfield and Congressman Conaway are supporters of the national Democratic ticket.

Women in North "Laying Off" Prohibition in the North

From a Washington dispatch to the Charlotte Observer, it is stated that "there are various women's movements against Governor Smith in the north, but the output of press matter on the subject from the national Republican committee carefully avoids prohibition."

Negroes Plan to Vote for Gen. Coox
Washington, July 29.—Dr. S. P. W. Drew, known as the "colored Billy Sunday" and promoter of the national inter-racial independent political party, announced here today that a meeting of negroes had been called at Philadelphia, September 3, to make known their purpose to bolt the Republican party ticket and give their reasons for doing so. Other conferences will be held in Chicago and New York. The notice of the meeting says: "Negroes to bolt the Republican party and vote for Dr. S. P. W. Drew, vice presidential running mate of Gen. Jacob S. Coxey of Ohio, inter-racial party."

MABEL AND BAMBOO TIE FOR FIRST HALF HONORS

Saturday, July 21, was the end of the first half of the baseball schedule in the Watauga League, and Mabel and Bamboo tied for first place, the final game between these two clubs resulting in a score of 5 to 1 in favor of Bamboo. The tie will be played off in the near future. The score in the game between Cove Creek and Boone was 1 to 0 in favor of the former.

The second half opened last Saturday with Boone handing out a 2 to 1 defeat to Mabel and Bamboo defeating Cove Creek 6 to 1.

Boone has considerably strengthened its lineup and it is expected that the final half of the season will be more evenly divided than was the first. The schedule for Saturday's games is as follows:

Boone at Bamboo.

Cove Creek at Mabel.

EGGERS-WILSON

Married at some point in Tennessee last Monday, Miss Ina Eggers and Mr. Luther Wilson, both of the Beaver Dam section.

Religion Is Not Main Issue, Says Daniels

Raleigh Editor Thinks Other States Have Wrong Impression Regarding National Campaign; Says Hoey Made Mistake

By RUPERT GILLET
Blowing Rock, July 28.—"North Carolina is not a bigoted state, but if people continue to harp on the minor issue of Al Smith's religion, other states will get the idea that this is a bigoted state."

This statement was made by Josephus Daniels, who is at Mayview for a short vacation.

"North Carolina's main objection to Smith is his wetness and not his religion," Mr. Daniels continued. "I get disgusted with hearing these continuous pleas for religious tolerance, because it gives the impression elsewhere that this state is opposing Smith almost solely on the ground of his religion. Such a conception is entirely false, but if, by some unforeseen chance, Smith should fail to get our electoral vote, other states would be saying that North Carolina is a bigoted state."

"There are, of course, some people in North Carolina who will vote against Smith because of his religion, but there are fewer such people in this state than there are in New York City—fewer than in Illinois."

"Clyde Hoey made this mistake in his Shelby speech. In the main, it was a very able speech, a very clear and concise statement of the principles at issue in the campaign, but he over-emphasized the religious question, which should have been given the minor place it deserves."

"He made another mistake in assuming that the south opposes Tammany because of some graft with it. Surely Southern Democrats south oppose Tammany because it which it was connected in former years, his is not the case. The are not going to turn from Tammany to the Philadelphia machine merely because of a record of graft somewhere in Tammany's history. If they do that, they will be going to a machine a hundred times worse than Tammany ever was. It is obvious, then, that Tammany's wetness and not its political history is the cause of the south's opposition."

"But this opposition is not so widespread as some Republicans would have us believe," Mr. Daniels said. "North Carolina Democrats are going to vote for dry Democratic congressmen, and with a dry congress, Smith has no chance whatever to modify the prohibition law. The constitution is too hard to amend for any one man to have much influence in that way. The man is not yet born who will see the eighteenth amendment taken from the constitution. When that amendment disappears, negroes will be returned to slavery."

Regarding Mrs. Kennan's prediction that Hoover would get the North Carolina electoral vote, Mr. Daniels said, "I don't think Mr. Kennan knows much about it. We have a normal majority of 75,000 or more in this state. I do not believe that enough voters can be turned to the Republican party to overcome that majority."

"Moreover, not all the people who say they are not going to vote for Smith will vote for Hoover. They will simply not vote at all for the presidential candidate. But they will vote for dry congressmen and make Smith's alleged wetness wholly innocuous."

"In that way, we can elect a man of fine abilities in governmental science and at the same time make his wetness harmless. The principles of the Democratic party are too big to be deserted for little issues."

Hoey Answers Daniels

Shelf, July 28.—Clyde R. Hoey, in his opening campaign speech here, explained the rudiments of the Catholic faith and the falsity of a purported Knights of Columbus oath, being scattered not to make religion a major issue in the Democratic campaign, but to offset propaganda, oral and written, and much of it false, that has been broadcast over the rural and textile sections of Carolina, he explained here today in answering a criticism made by Josephus Daniels.

Following the Hoey speech, Mr. Daniels gave out a statement at Blowing Rock saying that Hoey made a mistake in "his able speech" by bringing in the religious issue, "which should be given the minor place it deserves."

"I read the comment of my good friend Honorable Josephus Daniels on that portion of my speech dealing with Governor Smith's religious views," stated Mr. Hoey. My purpose in discussing frankly this phase of the question was to answer the objections which have been voiced in newspaper articles and in circulars distributed generally throughout Piedmont North Carolina.

"These circulars contain this Knights of Columbus oath forgery and other similar matter calculated to inflame the minds of the people and I felt that this should be exposed and its falsity established."

"I fear that Mr. Daniels underestimates the extent of this propaganda which is being fostered through Republican agencies."

That religious propaganda broadcast in heavily populated textile sections of the state has proven injurious is generally admitted by Democrats purporting to be ex-priests or ex-

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S. S. CONVENTION MEETS AUG. 9-10

Noted Sunday School Workers Will Be Heard When County Organization Convened at Mt. Vernon Next Thursday and Friday

Indications point to a record-breaking attendance at the annual Watauga County Sunday School convention which is to be held Thursday and Friday, August 9 and 10, at the Mount Vernon Baptist church, five miles east of Boone. The opening session will be held at 8 o'clock Thursday night, August 6.

According to announcement made by officers of the organization, the program has been prepared with the idea of having "a convention for the discussion of practical Sunday school plans and problems," the plan being to have something in the convention that will help workers in all departments of the Sunday school.

Among the prominent speakers on the program will be Miss Daisy Magee, Raleigh, children's division superintendent of the North Carolina Sunday School Association, and Miss Freda Bose, Louisville, Ky., for the past four years educational director of the New Orleans, La., council of religious education. During the convention these workers will discuss various phases of Sunday school work.

As has been previously announced, a program will be presented to the Sunday school having in the convention the largest number of representatives, 16 years of age and over, based on the number of miles from that particular church to the church to which the convention is held. The contest is open to all Sunday schools in the county, except the Sunday school with which the convention is held and others within one mile. The pennant will be presented at the close of the session Friday afternoon.

Program

The program for the convention is as follows:

Thursday Night

Devotional, E. N. Hahn.

Meeting the Needs of the Child, Miss Daisy Magee.

Song.

Record of attendance.

Youth and the Church, Miss Freda Bose.

Announcements.

Friday Morning, 10:20

Devotional, N. L. Harrison.

The Sunday School Organized for Service, Miss Freda Bose.

Business: Reports of county and township officers; appointment of committees; record of attendance.

A Great Work in a Great State, Miss Daisy Magee.

Offering for support of county and state Sunday School associations.

Announcements.

Dinner at the church. Everybody invited to come and bring a basket.

Friday Afternoon, 2 O'clock

Devotional, I. G. Greer.

The Use of the Picture in Teaching, Miss Daisy Magee.

Song.

Worship in the Sunday School, Miss Freda Bose.

Questions and Discussion. Opportunity for the presentation and discussion of special Sunday school problems.

Business: Reports of committees and election of officers; place of next meeting; presentation of attendance pennant.

Friday Night 8 O'clock

Devotional, I. G. Greer.

Preparing and Telling a Story, Miss Freda Bose.

Song.

Our Task as Sunday School Workers, Miss Daisy Magee.

Adjourn.

SOMETHING NEW IN THE CULTIVATION OF POTATOES

Prof. W. L. Winkler of Boone and Blowing Rock R. F. D. while in town Tuesday morning was asked by a representative of The Democrat about the number of guests in his popular home. His reply was: "We are full up." He was asked about his crops and he replied, "We have never had better." Then, as if a new thought had struck him, he said, "Let me tell you something new in potato raising."

Last fall, early in November, I found I had quite a lot of fine but small seed potatoes left on my hands, and the idea occurred to me to plant them. Accordingly I soon had one of my men plowing up a fine plot of ground. It was put in rich shape and furrowed off deeply. The potatoes were dropped without cutting and covered deep with a turning plow. They were a little late coming up in the spring but when they did make their appearance they were far in advance of the earliest crops planted in my neighborhood.

They were nipped by frost, but it did not seem to retard their growth but little. They were cultivated as early as the season would allow, and I have never raised a more satisfactory crop, coming in as it did, when our people were buying their early potatoes from shippers in Eastern Carolina. The vines have long since been dead, and the yield of large-mealy 'spuds' is abundant.

"For size and quality they far exceed anything raised on my farm this year."

This from one of our thoughtful experimental farmers might really revolutionize potato growing in Watauga, which has this year become one of the county's largest staple crops.

C. E. Miller Becomes Further Involved

High Point Broker Charged Here With Misappropriation of Funds, Is Charged by Greensboro Man With Embezzlement

High Point, July 26.—Claude E. Miller, local broker, today was facing another charge of embezzlement, this latest charge being filed by Charles Morrison of Greensboro, who alleges that Miller got \$825.75 from him, a check given for that amount, being returned by the bank, marked "insufficient funds."

A warrant charging Miller with embezzlement was served on him at the Guilford General hospital, where he has been a patient for some time, by Deputy Sheriff Gray. A few weeks ago, the town of Boone brought action against Miller. He was at the time released under bond and Deputy Sheriff Gray required an additional \$10,000 in the latest case.

Morrison charges, according to the story told Deputy Gray, that some time ago he negotiated a loan from the company with which Miller is connected for the sum of \$1,825.70. He said Miller took the check to him at Greensboro, telling him that the company required him (Miller) to see the check indorsed and then take it back to his office so that record of it might be made on his books.

Morrison according to Deputy Gray, said he indorsed the check and let Miller take it back to make the record he claimed was necessary. Miller told him he would return it the following day. But several days passed, Morrison said, and he wired Miller for his money. They exchanged messages for three days, according to the story, and finally Miller sent \$1,000, saying the remaining \$825.70 would be forwarded the following day. When finally the check was sent it was returned by the bank, Morrison said.

DR. CLARKE HEARD BY LOCAL CIVITAN CLUB

"Four Square Americanism" was the subject of a very interesting address delivered before the Civitan Club at its weekly luncheon at the Daniel Boone hotel last Thursday by Dr. Clarke of New York and the University of the South, Sewanee, Tenn. Dr. Clarke is field representative of the Episcopal church in the United States, and has lectured in every state in the Union and in foreign lands. He is interested to all agreed that no more interesting or helpful talk had ever been listened to by members of the Civitan club.

Rev. Dr. Will O. Garrison, pastor of the Cove Creek Baptist church, was also a guest of the club and made a very brief talk.

President Moore announced that he had received a letter from the president of the Carolina Association of Civitan Clubs, suggesting inter-club meetings in the Carolinas. The Boone club is paired with Salisbury and a date for the joint meeting, either here, Salisbury or some intermediate point, will be arranged in the near future. The idea of these inter-club meetings is to bring about a closer cooperation between the organizations of the state.

Various club committees for the year were announced by President Moore as follows:

Membership.

J. F. Moore, chairman; C. M. Critcher, Claude Moser.

Fellowship.

Claude Moser, chairman; A. Y. Howell, Russell Hodges, J. B. Hagaman, W. R. Winkler, Tracy Council, Ed Qualls.

Public Affairs.

E. N. Hahn, chairman; P. A. Hicks, L. S. Isaacs, S. C. Eggers, M. W. Beach, T. B. Moore, L. L. Bingham.

Finance.

W. H. Gragg, chairman; G. P. Hagaman, D. L. Cottrell.

Entertainment.

J. G. Greer, J. P. Burke, J. E. Steele, J. A. Sprules, W. E. Comer, J. A. Yeant, Joe Gaidner.

Constitution and Bylaws.

Ed Bingham, J. L. Qualls, W. C. Greer.

Miscellaneous.

G. P. Hagaman, chairman, W. H. Gragg, M. P. Critcher, Charlie Elver, J. B. Taylor.

Officers of the club are: C. E. Moore, president; Gordon Winkler, vice president; A. E. South, secretary; Leo B. Vaughn, treasurer.

The board of directors is composed of R. F. McDade, J. F. Moore, Claude Moser, Russell Hodges, Howard Mast.

GIDEON BIBLES WILL BE PLACED IN DANIEL BOONE

Next Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock at the Boone Methodist church a special Gideon mass meeting will be held to which the public is invited. At this time the Bibles which will be placed in the Daniel Boone hotel rooms will be dedicated to the end that they may be a comfort and inspiration to the guests who should read them. A special program has been arranged for the meeting which is given under the auspices of the Watauga Ministerial Association. The meeting is purely interdenominational and all are urged to attend.

Tom: "If you won't marry me I'll commit suicide." May: "Well, clear out. I won't have you hanging around here."

OUTLOOK BRIGHT SAYS DOUGHTON

While Here Last Week, Eighth District Congressman Said He Expected to Carry Every County in the District by an Increased Majority

By RUPERT GILLET
When November comes, you won't be able to get a Republican to bet an even dollar that they will carry a single district in North Carolina."

Those were the words used by Representative R. L. Doughton here last week when he was asked for a comment on Senator Moses' prediction that Mr. Doughton would be defeated.

"The Republicans always have the state carried in July and August," Mr. Doughton continued, "and sometimes as late as September, but their confidence decreases rapidly after that, and by November they are not making any predictions at all. The process has been the same in all of the nine elections I have gone through and won."

"I believe, after such a record, I am in a position to speak with authority on this subject. Of course, there is a possibility that we would lose if we neglected the situation, but we are not going to neglect it. I am in constant touch with the political leaders of the state, and particularly with those in my own district, and I find them this year more enthusiastic than they have been in years. All of them are working hard, and that means that the Republicans will not carry a congressional district in the entire state."

"This summer I have visited all the nine counties in my district and have come in contact with people in all walks of life in those counties. From these close observations I can say that the Republicans will not carry a county in my district—not even Watauga."

When it was pointed out to Mr. Doughton that once a Republican carries a county, it is a Republican county, and that the heavy Republican vote in North Carolina in 1920 and claiming a similar large vote this year, Mr. Doughton said: "What of it? They didn't carry the state in 1920. That was a year of general dissatisfaction and reaction from the war, and a heavy vote was to be expected. But you will notice that when unusual situations bring out heavy votes, Democrats vote heavily as well as Republicans, and the usual balance is maintained."

"Mrs. Kennan's argument that if the Republicans had voted as heavily in 1920 as in 1920 Johnson J. Hayes would have been elected to the senate does not hold. The same hypothetical situation that might have caused a heavy Republican vote in that year would have caused a proportionally heavy Democratic vote with the result that the Democrats would have retained the state as usual."

"Even if Mrs. Kennan says, three-fourths of those who cast Republican ballots in 1920 were born Democrats, you can't compare a year like 1920 with 1928. The people of North Carolina are satisfied with Democratic state officers, and they are not going to change. The few times that Republicans have been in control of state offices they have made a complete failure. Our state ticket this year is unusually popular, and it has a record of one administration behind it."

"On the whole, I see no reason to become panicky because the Republicans are following their unusual custom of carrying the state in July and August instead of in November."

HIGH POINT BROKER TO BE TRIED AUG. 4

Claude E. Miller, High Point broker who was arrested some time ago by the town of Boone on a charge of having appropriated to his own use the sum of \$10,000 of local municipal funds, will be given a preliminary hearing before Edwin N. Hahn, justice of the peace, on Saturday, August 4th, according to arrangements made public by A. Y. Howell, city clerk. The date for the trial was set as soon as was possible for the defendant to appear, he having been confined in a High Point hospital since the action was brought against him.

According to Mr. Howell, various bonds had been negotiated by the city through Miller covering a period of about two years, and up until this time, the dealings with him had been altogether satisfactory. It is understood that a definite date will soon be set for a hearing before the state insurance commission, at which time it is expected Miller will be barred from again operating as a broker in this state.

Mr. Howell states that after having made investigations, Mr. Miller is solvent and there is no likelihood that the town will lose the amount of the note, the proceeds of which Miller is alleged to have embezzled.

LOVE-HODGES

Married last Saturday evening, at Mountain City, Tenn., Miss Marilla Love, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dave Love of Vilas, and Mr. Dock Hodges, son of Mrs. Larkin Hodges of Poplar Grove. Mr. and Mrs. Hodges will reside at the old homestead on Poplar Grove.