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## Blowing Rock School Begins September 17

Principal Mudge Now Making Preparations for Opening of 1928-29 Session; Prizes Awarded in Well Baby Clinic

Blowing Rock, Sept. 5.—The Blowing Rock school will open September 17, it was announced Tuesday by the school committee. Principal G. O. Mudge has been here since Monday making preparations for a prompt beginning of school work on the first day.

The school this year is expected to be a standard high school, teaching all grades and subjects. The high school teachers will be Principal Mudge, Rupert Gillett and Mrs. Gillett. The elementary teachers will be Miss Greer, R. H. Askew, Mrs. I. E. Story, Mrs. Addie Sale and another teacher who had been elected but had not sent her acceptance to the school committee at the time of going to press.

**Prizes Awarded in Baby Clinic.**  
An event of interest to the mothers of Blowing Rock was the final party of the Well Baby Clinic, held on the lawn of the Presbyterian church Thursday afternoon under the auspices of the Community Club, with Dr. Mary Cabell Warfield of Spartanburg, S. C., in charge. Twenty-nine babies had been entered in the clinic, divided into three groups, with a prize offered in each group. No second prizes were given.

Those in the oldest group, from two to five years of age, were Jack Robbins, C. T. Hartley, Kathleen Foster, Thomas Lee Kutz, Allen Klutz, Beulla May Coffey, Robert Wad, Rebecca Ward, Margaret Miller, Howard Holshouser and Jean Ingle. The prize in this group was awarded to Margaret Miller, and honorable mention was made of Joan and Jean Ingle, children of Mrs. H. F. Ingle.

The second group, ten months to two years, included Joan Ingle, Jas. Underdown, Lee Colvard, Spencer Robbins and Stewart Cannon, Jr. The prize was awarded to Stewart Cannon, Jr.

The youngest group, babies from one to ten months, included Josephine Robbins, Clara Bolic, Steven Johnson, Dorothy Gold, John Gillett, Clara Bolic and Emma Jean Klutz. In this group two prizes were awarded, to Josephine Robbins and John Gillett.

**Birthday Party for Mrs. Dula.**  
The daughters of Mrs. A. H. Dula honored her birthday last Sunday by meeting at the family home at Boone's Fork and spreading a big dinner. Besides friends and neighbors present were Mrs. Dula's six daughters, Mrs. Allen Gragg of Blowing Rock, Mrs. Z. M. Koozts and Miss Manila Dula of Winston-Salem, and Misses Esther, Clea and Ruby Dula, the younger daughters.

**Miss Horton Entertains.**  
Miss Blanche Horton entertained her piano students Friday afternoon with a delightful party featured by a musical program and games and contests. The musical program included several duets and songs and was followed by games. In the contest, the prize was won by Miss Irene Jenkins. Ice cream cones, cakes and suckers were then served by Miss Polly Hayes.

The pupils present were Louise Prevette, Mary Klutz, Blair Suderth, Lena Miller Robbins, Grover Robbins, Irene Jenkins and Elsie Pitts. Catherine Underdown and Ruby Walker were present as special guests.

**Personal Mention.**  
Misses Ola and Mary Tester of Valle Crucis and Miss Alma Greene of Shulls Mills were recent week-end visitors at the home of Misses Grace and Lucile Reid. Miss Mary Tester will leave soon for Jacksonville, Fla., where she will spend the winter with her sister, Mrs. Don Reid.

Mrs. Lige Reid had as her guest the past week her sister, Miss Nettie Winkler of Shulls Mills.

Mr. J. H. Presnell and family have returned to Blowing Rock after spending sometime at Rhodhiss.

Miss Doris Storey has gone to Fallon, Nevada, to make her home with her aunt, Mrs. G. C. Rogers.

Mrs. R. V. Norman and daughter, Sarah Jane, who spent most of the summer with Mrs. Norman's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Crisp of Blowing Rock, have returned to their home in Knoxville, Tenn.

Dr. and Mrs. A. B. Goodman of Lenoir were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Critcher, Mrs. Goodman's parents. Dr. and Mrs. Goodman have just returned from a trip to the coast where they attended the Feast of the Pirates at Wilmington and later enjoyed sea fishing and bathing at Wrightsville Beach.

George Coffey and family have moved to Hickory, and Mr. Coffey's son, Arnold Coffey, has been succeeded by Harlin Greene as Western Union messenger.

Miss Kate Holshouser has returned to her position in the Winston-

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## POLITICAL EVENTS OF THE PAST WEEK

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

**Hi Johnson Renominated for Senate.**  
The veteran Senator Hiram W. Johnson was nominated by the Republicans last Tuesday to succeed himself in the United States senate. Johnson was opposed by Charles H. Randall of Los Angeles. His majority over Randall was overwhelming. Johnson will be opposed in the November election by Minor Moore, Los Angeles attorney, who was unopposed for the Democratic nomination.

**Hoover Puzzled Over New York.**  
Washington, Aug. 30.—Continuing his examination of the interior of the Republican party machine, Herbert Hoover today went over the preliminary plans for the speaking campaign and then turned to study the situation in New York state. Leaders of the Empire state, while predicting that he would carry the state, recognized the seriousness of the prohibition fight in New York and admitted when they left that they had not yet determined just how they would meet the problem.

After laying their plans before the Republican nominee and discussing the general situation with him, the New York leaders went over with the plans for his appearance in the hazy city of his Democratic opponent for a speech. The definite speaking program of the nominee has not yet been worked out, however. It was indicated that Charles Curtis, the Republican vice presidential nominee, and Senator Borah of Idaho will bear the brunt of the campaign in the west.

**Alabama Republicans Name Boling Democrats as Presidential Electors.**

Convinced that the old-guard Republican vote in Alabama is safe for Hoover under any circumstances, the executive committee of that normally minority party in that state Thursday dipped into the ranks of the Democratic party for the personnel of their presidential electoral slate in the November election. In doing so, a precedent unheard of to the oldest "rock-ribbed" Democrat in the state was established. The move was a strategic one. O. D. Street, G. O. P. national committeeman said, with the view toward having Democrats cast their votes or Democrats who had aligned themselves with the Republican cause. The personnel of the electoral slate includes men and women prominent in the state.

**Hoover May Visit Carolina.**  
Herbert Hoover, Republican presidential candidate, will deliver an address in this state, either at Charlotte, Greensboro or Raleigh, if negotiations now in progress between Republican leaders and the national campaign committee prove successful, it was stated in Charlotte last week by A. M. McWhirter, secretary of the state Republican executive committee.

**Robinson Notified.**  
Hot Springs, Ark., Aug. 30.—A native son of the southland—Joe T. Robinson, of Arkansas, tonight formally accepted the Democratic vice presidential nomination and at the same time issued a challenge to political foes to fight out the campaign on the issues of farm relief, prohibition, merchant marine and political corruption.

Without mincing words, the senator accused Herbert Hoover, the Republican presidential nominee, with the "failure of farm relief legislation" during the Harding-Coolidge administrations, and on prohibition declared that "there always has been room in the Democratic party for those who differ as to the best means of promoting temperance and of suppressing traffic in alcoholic beverages."

A steady rain that had soaked the crowd had stopped falling by the time Mr. Robinson began his address. The night, however, was pitch black although there should have been a full moon, and the dampness of the atmosphere was filled with a threat of rain.

Standing under a batter of bright lights on the roof of canopies over the platform, the senator could be seen distinctly from all points in the little natural amphitheater in front of the Arlington hotel where the ceremonies were held. Between 15,000 and 20,000 people were present for the ceremonies.

**General Motors Head Endorses Hoover.**

New York, Sept. 3.—Alfred P. Sloan, Jr., president of the General Motors corporation, to which John J. Rascob and Pierre S. duPont offered their resignations because of their

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## Gardner Emphatically for Smith as Campaign Opens; Promises Paving on No. 60

### Three Forks Association In Successful Meeting

Eighty-eighth Session of Baptist Organization Held With Middle Fork Church; Prof. I. G. Greer Elected Moderator

The Three Forks Baptist Association met with Middle Fork church in its eighty-eighth session at 2 o'clock p. m., August 28, and remained in session through the following two days. The annual sermon was preached by Rev. L. A. Hurst, of Englewood, Tenn., but formerly pastor of Cove Creek church in this association. His subject was "The Great Commission."

After the sermon, Smith Hagaman the moderator, delivered the annual address of the moderator, his subject being "The Day After Yesterday." He emphasized the opportunities of the day, admonishing the association to live up to its duties. The present moderator declined to stand for re-election, and the association organized for business by electing Prof. I. G. Greer as moderator and W. Y. Perry clerk.

There were some out-of-the-county visitors among whom were J. A. McLaughan, representing the state mission work and the Biblical Recorder, also Robert M. DeVault, pastor of the church at Butler, Tenn.

The reports of the different committees were in readiness to be read, which expedited the business of the association. The discussions of the different reports were of a high order, all speakers sounding a note of progress. The crowd in attendance was orderly, mostly remaining in the house listening to the discussions.

Possibly the highest peak of interest was the sermon at 11 o'clock the second day of the session by Dr. Will O. Gordon, the new pastor at Cove Creek. His subject, "The Unclouded Vision." The text was taken from both the Old and New Testaments. "O that I knew where that I might find him?" and he that hath seen Me hath seen the Father."

The next session of the association will meet with Shulls Mills church on Tuesday after the fourth Sunday in August, 1929.

Considered from every point the 1928 session may be regarded as a success.

### BOONE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL OPENED TUESDAY MORNING

The elementary school of Boone opened Tuesday with an enrollment of 225 the first day. On Wednesday there were 267 present. There are quite a few others yet to enter, while on next Tuesday the two trucks will start running, one from Meat Camp and the other from Deep Gap. The teachers are asking all parents to get their children in school as early as possible.

The list of teachers is as follows: Seventh grade—Miss Eula Todd. Sixth—Mrs. J. M. Gaither. Fifth—Miss Ester Flemming. Fourth—Miss Ruth W. Vaughn. Third—Miss Annie Stanbury. Second—Miss Ethel Bouchelle. First—Miss Jane Eliason and Estelle Pyc.

Miss Mildred Harrell will take care of the overflow students from the fourth, fifth, sixth and seventh grades. All the teachers taught here last year except Misses Eliason, Pyc and Harrell. Miss Eliason holds a B. S. degree from Teachers College, Harrisonburg, Va.; Miss Pyc holds the B. S. from Teachers College, Milledgeville, Ga., while Miss Harrell is a graduate of Teachers College, Radford, Va.

Sam Daniels, alias Pro. Branderine; Mrs. Little Townsley, Mrs. L. W. Pridgen and J. H. Moore, the latter a negro preacher, were indicted for conspiracy to murder by the Mecklenburg county grand jury Thursday. The charge grew out of the alleged "murder mill" poison cases which police uncovered in Charlotte recently.

### C. E. MILLER FAILS TO APPEAR AT COURT

Claude E. Miller, High Point broker, who was under bond to appear at superior court yesterday to answer a complaint brought by the town of Boone, alleging the appropriation to his own use of \$10,000 of city funds, failed to put in his appearance. Deputy Sheriff P. C. Wyke was ordered to get in immediate touch with the sheriffs of Guilford and Davidson counties to the end that Miller may be brought before Judge Finley at this term of court.

### Democratic Gubernatorial Nominee Commends Constructive Record of Presidential Aspirant and Lauds Record of Party in Carolina.

### 60 to be Completed

Boone Trail Highway, Under His Administration Must be the Equal of No. 10 or Any Other

A crowd variously estimated at from two to four thousand gathered on the lawn of Mrs. J. W. Jones Monday afternoon to hear Hon. O. Max Gardner declare himself firmly in support of Governor Alfred E. Smith for the presidency and officially launch his campaign for the governorship of North Carolina.

A mixed group of both Republicans and Democrats applauded long and often as the candidate appealed for honesty in government and reviewed the achievements of the Democratic party in North Carolina, especially in regard to its efforts in the development of the highway system.

Attorney John E. Brown, recently appointed chairman of the Democratic executive committee for the eighth congressional district opened the program by introducing Representative Robert L. Doughton as "the man that both Democrats and Republicans in the district want for their next representative." Mr. Doughton in turn introduced Mr. Gardner as the "best qualified man in the state to carry on the work of the recent Democratic governors and said he was already elected in the hearts of the people."

Departing from his prepared speech, Mr. Gardner pointed out the fact that it was a Democratic administration that lifted Boone and the rest of the state out of the mud and built the fine system of public roads now enjoyed, and promised the people of this section that the work would not be finished under his administration until the Boone Trail Highway No. 60 from the mountains to the sea is the equal of highways Nos. 10 and 20, or any other thoroughfare within this state.

The full text of the speech is as follows:

I beg your indulgence in this, my first speech of the campaign, that I may offer a personal and preliminary statement touching my party record and also undertake to clearly define and set forth my position with respect to the national and state situation.

I recently stated before the Democratic executive committee that in this campaign I would say nothing to injure the feelings or bruise the conscience of any North Carolina Democrat. I hereby renew this statement. I have never tried to drive a Democrat and I have never permitted a Democrat to drive me, whether it be Senator Simmons, or any other senator. When a Democrat becomes a dictator, he ceases to be a Democrat.

"It has always been my policy to enlist Democrats and not to drive them, and I earnestly appeal for the loyal, triumphant, and united support of every North Carolina Democrat. I have never given an honorable or dishonorable discharge from party service to any Democrat in my life and never expect to. I am ready to fight to the limit for the right to have my individual political opinions and I freely grant this right to my fellow citizens. This right touches the core of real freedom. Voltaire in his immortal words to Helvetius expressed my views when he said: 'I wholly disapprove of what you say, but will defend to the death your right to say it.'"

The term may appear odious to some, but by inheritance, training and conviction, I am a party man. Being an organization man, I am frequently called upon to subordinate my personal opinions to the expressed will of the majority of my party. I am now the leader of the Democratic party in this campaign, and the integrity of party leadership carries with it the positive demand of party loyalty.

The names of a number of religious and fraternal organizations are frequently mentioned as bearing on this campaign. In this connection may I say there are at least three organizations to which I belong that the vicissitudes of this campaign will not disturb, and these are the Baptist church, the Democratic party and the Junior order. I was a Demo-

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## Fred Allison Shot and Killed By Roy Martin

Killing Occurred in North Fork Township Sunday Night Following Quarrel; Martin Placed in Jail Early Monday Morning

Fred Allison was shot and killed late Sunday night by Roy Martin as a result of a brawl between Martin's two sons on one side and Jake Porter and Allison on the other. The killing occurred at Pottertown, Watauga's ancient battleground.

Sheriff Farthing, who arrested Martin early Monday morning, said the four men had been drinking, and a fight started between Jake Potter and Lloyd Martin. Lloyd's brother Tom took up the fight and began heaving rocks at Potter, whereupon Allison attacked Martin's sons with a knife, according to the story. Roy Martin got his gun and shot Allison. The bullet entered Allison's right shoulder and did not come out of the body. Martin was brought to jail early Monday morning and will probably be tried at this term of superior court.

### CIVITANS DISCUSS MATTERS OF CIVIC IMPORTANCE

The entertainment committee having failed to prepare a program for last week's meeting of the Civitan club, the weekly luncheon hour was devoted entirely to a discussion of matters of importance to the town and county. And right here it might be stated, that while several very interesting and helpful talks have been made recently at these meetings of the local civic organization, no meeting is fraught with more interest than when fifteen or twenty business men get together and talk about matters that will be helpful to the community. Therefore, last week's meeting was of deep interest, because many matters of civic benefit were brought up and considered—almost every member present having some suggestion to offer that would, if carried out, prove of great benefit to the town and county.

A landing field for airplanes, golf course, community swimming pool, and other matters of importance to Boone as a resort town were discussed. A big program, that would mean the expenditure of large sums of money, but it was the consensus of opinion among members of the club that Boone must provide these things if it is to become a popular resort town.

Ways and means for raising a reserve fund for the club treasury was briefly considered, and it is probable that a home-talent play or some other method of raising money for the club treasury will be staged in the near future. The club contributed \$100 towards improving the local cemetery and was largely responsible for the planting of rhododendrons along the main thoroughfare of the city, and it is for purposes of this kind that the club would provide a reserve fund.

Judge Thomas B. Finley, who is presiding over the present term of Watauga superior court, will probably be the speaker at the luncheon at the Daniel Boone hotel today at 12:45.

### HOME COMING IN THREE FORKS BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

The Three Forks association at its recent session authorized its executive committee to prepare a program for use in all the churches of the association on the Fifth Sunday in September. Within a few days the program will be ready to publish in The Democrat. Here are some of the features on the program: Old-time songs, sermon or speech on the New Testament church, history of the local church, a roll-call of the present membership, recognition of former members, and other subjects of local interest. The superintendent of the Sunday school with a local committee will have charge of the program. The idea for these meetings is to develop a fine spirit among the Baptist brotherhood. We are anxious for the Baptists to make this a great day.

In case a church does not wish to have the program, let the secretary know so that it will not be necessary to assign speakers.

A. J. GREENE, Secretary.

Church chimes, frenzied popular acclaim, thunderous cannon fire and one tense moment of triumph Saturday marked the final step in the rise of Ahmed Zogu from a mountain chieftain to king of his native Albania. The Albania national assembly, without a dissenting voice, proclaimed him king of the Albanians. The new sovereign took a double oath, once on the Bible and once on the Koran. He is a Mohammedan but had guaranteed the country complete freedom of worship. Representatives of the Mohammedan, Greek and Roman Catholic churches were present to signalize the unanimity with which the various religious groups in Albania regarded the establishment of a monarchy.

## MANY CASES HEARD IN SUPERIOR COURT

Four Boys Charged With Highway Robbery Are Given Stiff Sentences by Judge Finley; Casey is Prosecuting the Docket

Superior court convened in Boone Monday with Judge T. B. Finley presiding. The docket is being prosecuted by A. H. Casey of North Wilkesboro, acting for Solicitor J. R. Jones, who is engaged in a special term of court in Wilkesboro this week. The first case of importance to be disposed of on the criminal docket was that against Jim Welch, Clay Church, Leonard Church and Lonnie Church, who were lodged in jail the latter part of July on a charge of highway robbery, after having held up the Rev. Edwin Frazier of Winston-Salem, an evangelist, and looted his possessions at a point on the Boone Trail highway near the Wilkes line. The case was promptly disposed of, the defendants being given terms of four years each on the roads.

Other cases disposed of up until press time are as follows:

Lloyd Stanbury, liquor, not pros with leave.

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C. S. Ford, abandonment, to appear at each term of court for two years and show he has provided \$10 per month for his wife.

Wade Stewart, liquor, not pros with leave.

Fred Oxentine, liquor, four months in jail.

L. M. Bingham, assault with deadly weapon, judgment suspended on payment of costs.

Carroll Setzer, liquor, 12 months on the roads—two good behavior reports.

C. L. Dula, bad checks, three cases, sentenced to four months on roads.

Paul Tilman and Clyde Ferguson, gambling, \$10 and costs.

Beck and Leonard Church, driving drunk and assault with deadly weapon; six months.

W. H. Brock and M. M. Moler, liquor and driving car while intoxicated; Brock 6 months in jail, Moler \$50 and costs.

### COURT HONORS MEMORY OF FRANK A. LINNEY

Tuesday afternoon the regular business of superior court was laid aside for the purpose of paying tribute to the memory of the late Hon. Frank Armfield Linney, and for drafting memorial resolutions by the members of the local bar. The following attorneys made short tributes, appreciative of the career of the late barrister: John H. Bingham, W. R. Lovill, John E. Brown, T. E. Bingham, W. C. Newland, R. G. Bingham, and W. E. Comer. Representative R. L. Doughton was present and made a few appreciative remarks. Judge T. B. Finley presided and made the final address, after which the following resolutions were adopted, having been offered by a committee composed of John E. Brown, T. E. Bingham, G. M. Sudderth, John H. Bingham, W. E. Comer and W. R. Lovill:

Whereas, since last term of court, Hon. Frank A. Linney has died and, whereas, the deceased had served the state of North Carolina for eight years as solicitor, and served the middle and western districts of the United States court as district attorney for about seven years, and that this service to the state and nation was with unusual fidelity, efficiency and ability and won and merited the love, esteem and gratitude of all whom he served;

And, whereas, the said Frank A. Linney was an able lawyer, a brilliant orator, a counsellor of sound judgment, and a man of lofty ideals, and filled each trust committed to him with efficiency and fidelity;

And, whereas, the Bar Association of Watauga county desires to give recognition to the passing of one of its most loyal and distinguished members who departed this life on June 29, 1928; therefore, be it Resolved by the Bar Association of Watauga county:

That as a token of respect and appreciation of his patriotic, loyal and unselfish service to the state as a lawyer, statesman and citizen that the Bar Association of Watauga county, and visiting members adopt this resolution.

And that this resolution be spread on the minutes of the court, and that a copy of same be sent to the family of the deceased with the assurances of our heartfelt sympathy in their great loss and affliction.

Raleigh, Sept. 3.—Governor A. W. McLean was back in the capital today to take up his executive duties after a two-months vacation in the lake country of northern Wisconsin.