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NEWS OF WEEK AT BLOWING ROCK

Rev. Isbell Conducting Revival at Presbyterian Church; Children's Story Hour at Library Saturday; Social and Personal

Blowing Rock, Dec. 5.—Rev. Robt. L. Isbell of Lenoir is conducting a revival meeting at the Presbyterian church this week. Good congregations are reported at the meetings, which begin at seven o'clock each evening.

Rev. Mr. Isbell is well known here. He will be remembered for his lectures last year on his visits to the Holy Land.

Successful revival services conducted by Rev. Myers of Mooresville at the Baptist church closed last Thursday with baptismal services. About twenty members were added to the church roll.

Story Hour

Another story hour for children will be held in the school and community library Saturday afternoon from four to five. Last Thursday a large circle of children gathered in the library to hear the story of the first Thanksgiving. The subject of Saturday's story has not been announced. Mrs. Eugene Story will be the story teller.

Reports of the library show that approximately 18 per cent of the books on the shelves are being taken out by borrowers. This is considered a very high percentage.

The chief demand is for fiction, but the librarian calls attention to some excellent books of travel and exploration now on the shelves. Among these are two that have special interest at this time, in view of the Byrd expedition to the South Pole. They are "Fighting the Polar Ice" by Anthony Fiala, and Scott's "The Romance of Polar Exploration."

Religious workers will find a whole shelf of inspirational books designed especially for personal church workers and for Christian Endeavor and other young peoples' organizations. The new issues of the magazines are now on the magazine rack. All citizens are invited to come to the reading room on Tuesday and Thursday evenings and Saturday afternoons to read these excellent periodicals.

School News

The geography class of the high school last week was conducted on a field trip to Green Park by Principal G. O. Mudge. The class studied the springs at Green Park hotel, which is on the watershed of the eastern part of the continent.

The high school students and their teachers hiked to the tower on Flat Top mountain last Wednesday afternoon. About fifty people made the hike.

Mr. Ralph Askew, teacher of the fifth and sixth grades, took his pupils on a picnic Thanksgiving day. The children enjoyed a luncheon of wieners and lemonade, prepared by Mr. Askew and Miss Lucile Reid.

Dinner Party

Mrs. A. M. Critcher was hostess Sunday at a dinner party for the high school teachers and several guests from out of town. The hostess was assisted in serving the bountiful dinner by Miss Frances Kernodle, her granddaughter, of Wilmington. The guests were Mr. and Mrs. G. O. Mudge, Dr. and Mrs. Goodman of Lenoir, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Howell and son Sanford of Riverside, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Crutcher and two children, and Mr. and Mrs. Rupert Gillett.

An open fire added cheer to the living room and dining room, which were thrown together on this occasion. Red and gold chrysanthemums were used as decoration.

Personal

Mrs. J. H. Winkler has returned from a week's shopping and visiting trip to Charlotte.

Miss Mary Lee Younce was hostess last Friday to a gay party of young folks at her home here. Besides Miss Young's family, the guests were Pauline Greene, Nellie Greene, Frank Klutz, Ruth Mays, Deward, Coffey, Mrs. Alice Mays, Lois Klutz, Hazel Mays, William Craig, Ralph Askew, Omar Coffey, Harry Klutz and Maude Mays.

Miss Ola Triplett, who is teaching at the Bradshaw school in Caldwell county, near here, spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Triplett of Triplett.

Fred Mays and Miss Inez Haynes of Charlotte spent Thanksgiving in Blowing Rock with Mr. Mays' mother and sisters.

Several out of town high school pupils spent the Thanksgiving holidays with their parents. Among them were Ruby Dula, Ruby Richards, Ruby Tolbert, Maude Powell, Edna Miller, Julius Henderson and Earle Gragg.

Mrs. W. L. Holshouser, Mrs. Dan Klutz and Mrs. Annie Greene were dinner guests Friday of Mrs. Joe White, Ralph Askew and Miss Elise

Noted Divine in Meeting Here



Dr. William M. Vines, evangelist of the Southern Baptist home mission board, arrived in Boone Monday afternoon, and that evening preached his first sermon in the series of revival services now in progress at the Baptist church. Both the afternoon and evening services are attended by large congregations, the auditorium of the church being filled to capacity last evening.

One of the features of each service is the old-time gospel singing led by Prof. I. G. Greer, with Mrs. Greer at the piano.

The afternoon service begins promptly at 3:30 and lasts for just one hour. The theme being discussed at these services is the "Present Tense of God." The evening services begin at 7:30, preceded by a prayer service in the basement of the church, participated in by Christian leaders of the church and community.

Rev. P. A. Hicks, the pastor, extends a hearty invitation to the public to attend these services, which will continue for ten days or two weeks.

COVE CREEK NEWS ITEMS

Cove Creek lost both games to the Boone high school on Thanksgiving evening. The boys' game was lost by a score of 22 to 13, while the girls lost with a 26 to 10 margin. Return games are to be played on the local court Tuesday, December 11.

Mrs. Gordon Russell of Winston, Ala., is visiting her mother, Mrs. Kate R. Curtis and sister, Miss Ruth, for a few days.

Cove Creek Baptist church sent a load of apples and potatoes to the Thomasville Orphanage last week as a Thanksgiving offering.

Dan Henson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. M. Henson of Sherwood, was married to Miss Beulah Caudill of Mountain City, on Thanksgiving Day.

"He's My Pal," a comedy in three acts, presented in the auditorium of the high school here on Tuesday night was a decided success. The character were very well selected and high talent was shown.

Among those attending the Wake Forest-Mercer football game in Asheville Thanksgiving were Misses Grace Blacklock, Winifred Thorberg, T. S. Moore, Dan P. Mast and Wiley Swift.

Mesdames James Mast, Will Payne, James Moore and Sim Horton entertained their husbands on Thanksgiving day with a turkey dinner with all the trimmings at the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Horton. The party attended the Boone-Mountain Park football game in the afternoon.

Mrs. Rose Swift Fuller was a visitor in the community last week. James M. Horton of Wake Forest College, spent Thanksgiving here.

Following is the perfect attendance record of the seventh grade of the Cove Creek high school, which were omitted from the list published last week: Ralph Henson, Glenn Sherwood, Valma Brown, Mildred Gordon, Myrtle Henson, Sixth grade: Jack Henson, Kathleen Beach, Mattie Lou Harmon, Nell Henson.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON CLUB

The Friday Afternoon Club met in regular bi-monthly session on Friday afternoon with Mrs. Tracy Council at her home in East Boone.

Beautiful autumn flowers were used with decorative effect throughout the house and a color motif of yellow and white was carried out in detail.

The meeting was presided over by the president, several items of business were discussed. At the conclusion of the business a delightful social hour was enjoyed and a most unique sewing contest engaged in. In this Mrs. J. H. Hardin was the successful contestant and for her great skill with the needle she was awarded a beautiful sewing basket.

Little Miss Grace Council sweetly entertained the club with several musical selections. At the conclusion of this Mrs. Council, assisted by Mrs. A. R. Smith and Mrs. Moore, served most delicious hot chicken in attractive little containers, baked apples stuffed with nuts, hot coffee and delicious hot rolls with butter, followed with nut pudding topped with cream.

Those enjoying Mrs. Council's hospitality beside the club members were Mesdames Hardin of Johnson City, Tenn., A. R. Smith and G. K. Moore.

Fits were also guests. Mrs. J. E. Story has had as her guest over the Thanksgiving holidays her sister, Miss Flowers of Hickory, who will leave soon for Chicago to take a course in the Moody Bible Institute.

RECORD IRISH POTATO YIELD FOR NORTH CAROLINA

An experiment in concentrated farming brought the Colvard Brothers of Jefferson a state record for Irish potato yield, besides a successful accomplishment of the economy feature involved, says Jean de Journette, in the Charlotte Observer. Their big crop of 511 bushels to the acre exceeds the former record nearly a hundred. The variety planted was the Irish Cobbler.

The planting was carried on in cooperation with E. C. Turner, county agent of agriculture, was done on a black loam soil. In spite of the richness of the soil, 4,400 pounds of fertilizer was used, and 38 bushels of seed. An effort was made to plant just the right time to take advantage of humid conditions.

At the same time an acre of second bottom land, like that used for the big yield, was planted in potatoes under similar conditions. The exception made was 20 bushels of seed put out with only 1,400 pounds of fertilizer. The harvest in the second case was only 310 bushels.

The difference in cost of production in the two cases was in favor of the larger yield. Thirty-five cents and 41 cents per bushel. So, it was found that greater economy resulted from concentrated planting. Besides, the initial saving on the crop a permanent economy was added in growing the potatoes. It took less fertilizer from the ground than any other crop would have taken. The explanation is, that the potato takes only starch and moisture from the ground, while the vine is plowed under, its richness going back to the soil. Because of this fact, Colvard Brothers state, the increase in the yield of the crop following potatoes will pay for the fertilizer used on the first crop.

Incidentally, an additional benefit came from the big yield when the hogs were turned out on the field to get all the potatoes left by the plow when the field was turned up. The brothers state that they can winter their hogs on the ones left in addition to the amount of their record yield.

Next winter the brothers plan to brand the national non-irrigated record. With proper conditions they feel assured of success.

NORMAL NOTES

Dr. B. B. Dougherty returned last week from a trip of several days to various points in this section of the state. He is greatly pleased with his journeyings. His return is always welcomed at the Normal, for he always has something worth while to tell about his trip.

The last football game of the season for the Normal was played of the local field Thanksgiving Day, against the team from Mountain Park Junior College. The home team won over the visitors by a score of 58 to 0. One young man Mr. Haynes from near Elkin, suffered a broken leg during the game. He was taken immediately to the Watauga Hospital where an X-ray picture of the broken limb was taken, showing that both bones of the left leg were broken between the knee and the ankle.

Dr. Dougherty, on his recent trip, went into Virginia to compare the cost of education in that state with North Carolina, and his conclusion is that it is very favorable to North Carolina.

Work is moving on well on the new dormitory and the heating plant. The tunnel and pipe lines are being constructed at a reasonably rapid rate, and it is hoped that all of these will be in such shape that they can be completed during the winter.

BOARD OF ELECTIONS ELECTS RESULT

Gardner Leads Ticket With Fountain, Following C. Good V.

Raleigh, Dec. 5.—Governor A. W. McLean today was faced with a duty that no other governor of the state has had to perform since reconstruction days. By virtue of the Hoover upsurge on November 6, Governor McLean today dispatched summons to the 12 Republican electors to assemble in Raleigh on January 2, to cast the state's electoral vote. It will be the first time the vote has been cast by Republicans since the carpet-bag era following the Civil war.

The state board of elections, meeting here yesterday, declared the Republicans fully elected, and fixed the Hoover majority at 52,696. The results of the elections were certified to the secretary of state, and the Republican national ticket and the entire Democratic state ticket was declared elected. The state ticket's majority, as shown by the margin of O. Max Gardner, who led the ticket, over his Republican opponent, H. F. Seawell, was 72,594.

Prof. I. G. Greer of Boone, Republican candidate for superintendent of education, polled the second highest G. O. P. vote, running slightly behind Mr. Seawell.

The official count revealed that only one of the three constitutional amendments offered to the voters passed. That was the amendment to increase the pay of legislators; it got by with a majority of 212 votes.

The returns showed that Governor Gardner led the Democratic ticket, followed by Lieut. Gov. Fountain, State Treasurer Lacy, the oldest state officer in point of service, received the third highest majority and Secretary of State Hartness, standing for election the first time, ran fourth.

Official Returns

For governor Gardner, 362,009; Seawell, 289,415.

For Lieut. Gov. Fountain, 361,471; Fisher, 288,924.

For secretary of state Hartness, 361,225; Mrs. Tighe, 288,282.

For auditor: Durham, 361,225; Yeager, 288,216.

For treasurer: Lacy, 361,394; Johnson, 289,000.

For superintendent of public instruction: Allen, 361,137; Greer, 289,016.

For attorney general: Brummitt, 361,122; McRary, 288,343.

For commissioner of labor and printing: Grist, 361,059; Gosien, 288,620.

For commissioner of agriculture: Graham, 360,948; Patterson, 288,925.

For insurance commissioner: Boney, 360,750; Hampton, 288,628.

For commissioner of revenue: Doughton, 360,832; Pitt, 288,711.

For corporation commissioner: Lee, 360,410; Gregg, 288,477.

For associate justices of the supreme court: Brogden, 360,420; Love, 288,571; Connor, 360,159; Harkins, 288,385.

FINANCIAL CRASH FORECAST BY NEW YORK SENATOR

Referring to the present abnormal conditions prevailing on the stock market, Senator Royal S. Copeland of New York, in an interview with a representative of the Greensboro Daily News Tuesday morning while the senator was in that city to address the annual convention of the North Carolina Bottlers' association, predicted that "within a year there will be found a readjustment of the finances of the country that will signify a crash," and he fears that "it may be as serious a financial situation as some of the big panics we have had in the past."

Speaking of politics, the senator said, "Everywhere I go the common people tell me that the Democratic party is dead, but I want to tell you that there is no embalming fluid that will keep it dead."

MARRYING A HOBBY WITH HIM

Peoria, Ill., Dec. 5.—William Jones, 62, a negro, has been married 56 times, and he has recently been arrested for passing a bad check just as he was leading Bride No. 57 to the altar. Jones explains that marrying has been a hobby with him. His nickname is "King Solomon" Jones and he thus explains his system: "I just married 'em when I felt like it, and left 'em when I got tired."

He (earnestly): I mean, to kiss you and kiss you and kiss you. She: That would be only three times.

A Golden Brown

Native Convert: She'll make a good wife for you.

DEMOCRATS FILL ALL COUNTY OFFICES FOR FIRST TIME IN THIRTY-EIGHT YEARS

President Advocates Large Navy in Message

Washington, Dec. 4.—In what probably will be his valedictory to congress, President Coolidge today emphasized once more his desire for an increase in America's naval strength, urged a farm relief program which would meet approval of the administration, made suggestions for legislation covering the most important subjects, and ended by declaring the nation was in an era of prosperity and peace such as never before had been experienced.

For farm relief, Mr. Coolidge reiterated his suggestion for the creation of a federal farm board in order that the government might aid in promoting orderly marketing and in handling surpluses clearly due to weather and seasonal conditions. He suggested a revolving fund from government money, until producers' associations had erected stabilizing organizations to finance themselves through regular credit institutions.

Following the lines of his Armistice day speech, the president's message repeated his desire for passage of the 15-cruiser bill now pending in the senate.

TWO NEW BULLETINS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

Two new publications of interest to boys and girls on the farms of North Carolina have been published recently by the agricultural extension service of State College and are now available on request.

The first of these is extension circular 170, "Common Birds of North Carolina," by Dr. L. H. Snyder. This publication contains 47 pages of information about the more common birds to be found on the farms of the state. Each bird described is illustrated with a line drawing so that identification is easy. Dr. Snyder says that a complete list of all the birds would include nearly 350 species and subspecies but since many of these are rare stragglers and are not of great economic importance, he has selected 100 of the more common birds for description in his publication. The pictures of the birds were drawn from actual specimens.

It is felt that this publication will be of interest to school children as well as farmers.

The second new publication is extension circular 171, "Manual and Record Book for Sheep Club Members." This bulletin was prepared by Earl H. Hostetler and John E. Foster of the animal husbandry department and gives practical information about growing, feeding and handling sheep on the farm. While the book was designed for 4-H club members, it will also be of definite value to adult farmers interested in sheep production.

Sheep growing with small farm flocks is coming into favor throughout the state. There is a constant demand for information about handling animals to get the greatest returns. It is felt by the officials of the agricultural extension service that this new bulletin will meet this demand.

FERNS THRIVE WELL AS POTTED PLANTS

Sword ferns, such as the common Boston, the Ostrich Plume, compact Boston and others thrive well under a wide range of conditions and are grown with the greatest ease of any variety of the fern family.

"The varieties commonly known as Sword ferns adapt themselves to a wide range of conditions and, for that reason, make excellent house plants," says Glenn O. Randall, horticulturist at the North Carolina State College. "These ferns do equally as well in the sun parlor or living room if allowed the benefit of the morning sun. One common mistake in their growth is to subject them to sudden change of temperature. This they will not stand. All varieties of the Sword fern are capable of adapting themselves to a wide range of temperature if the change is made gradually rather than abruptly."

In growing these house ferns, says Mr. Randall, they will thrive in any good garden soil with one-third well rotted manure or compost mixed in equal parts and with enough sand added to provide drainage. If it is necessary to use, in the place of fibrous garden loam, a rather heavy soil, it may be necessary to add as much as one-fourth sand to the total bulk. When available, leaf mould may also be used to advantage. This will help to make a loose, friable soil as a substitute for the garden loam.

In any case, it is necessary to keep the fern plant growing vigorously by adding plant food in the form of well-decayed barnyard manure or fertilizer. Never allow the plant to become potbound, advises

Party Now in Power Was Victorious in 1890, Carrying the County for All Candidates Save W. H. H. Cowles, and Elected Last Democratic Solicitor That Year

The newly elected Watauga county officials were sworn in Monday, all being incumbents with exception of Miss Helen Underdown, who succeeds Mrs. Pearl Hartley as register of deeds.

By reference to the files of The Democrat it is found that this is the first time a full slate of Democratic candidates have taken over the affairs of the county since the year 1890. That year the paper shows there were less than two thousand votes cast in the county and the registration was said to be practically full. It is noted that a few Democrats failed to vote in Beaver Dam township; however the victory was complete, only the Democratic candidate for congress, W. H. H. Cowles, losing the county to E. W. Faucette by 12 votes. J. B. Todd ran ahead of the Democratic ticket, having defeated Thos. Bingham for clerk of the court by a majority of 157. W. E. Greene polled a majority of 114 over J. L. Winkler for the office of treasurer, while D. F. Baird defeated L. A. Greene, Republican candidate for sheriff by a majority of 104. Sheriff Baird was the father of Thos. Baird, who Monday was sworn in for the second time as a member of the board of county commissioners. In that year W. C. Newland was elected as solicitor of this district, being the last Democrat to fill that position so far as is recalled, Mr. J. F. Spinhour having succeeded him as a Populist candidate. The complete vote as taken from the ancient newspaper is of interest:

Superior Court Judge	
A. S. Merriman	883
Charles H. Price	808
Congress	
W. H. H. Cowles	839
E. W. Faucette	848
Solicitor	
W. C. Newland	870
E. S. Blackburn	827
State Senate	
B. P. Grigsby	885
S. G. Parsons	803
Representative	
J. B. Phillips	885
E. M. Greer	816
Sheriff	
D. F. Baird	922
L. A. Greene	818
Clerk Superior Court	
J. B. Todd	946
Thos. Bingham	789
Register of Deeds	
C. J. Cottrell	871
M. B. Blackburn	850
Treasurer	
W. E. Greene	914
J. L. Winkler	800

The Democrat called attention to the fact that good feeling prevailed throughout the election between the members of both parties and that no disturbance was created at any polling place with the exception of one Boone negro who became intoxicated and was placed under arrest by the town marshal.

CONDITION OF KING GEORGE THOUGHT TO BE IMPROVED

London, Dec. 4.—A somewhat more hopeful view of the condition of King George was taken late tonight after fear during the evening that he had lost ground in his 15-day fight against congestion of the lungs and pleurisy. It was understood that as the result of the natural sleep which he obtained last night and early today he was actually better and stronger than he was on Sunday or Monday. Six hours of sleep, which he had last night, was the best repose in several days.

H. S. BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Following is the December schedule of the Boone high school basketball team, the first game of which will be played tonight at Patterson. Friday night the basketballers will play the Highland high school on the local court.
Dec. 6—Patterson H. S., here.
Dec. 7—Highland H. S., (Hickory) here.
Dec. 10—Wilkesboro H. S., here.
Dec. 14—Lenoir H. S., here.
Dec. 18—Lenoir H. S., here.
Dec. ?—Piny Creek H. S. here.

C. C. Coddington, widely known automobile distributor and for 20 years one of the most prominent and wealthy citizens of Charlotte, died Sunday night at Harbor Island, off the North Carolina coast, following a brief attack of heart failure.

One hundred and twelve cars of fat hogs sold co-operatively by farmers of Beaufort county this year have returned the growers \$143,487.79.

become completely filled with roots, it is an indication that the plant will soon become potbound and growth will be stunted.