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Gov. Gardner Outlines Program for the State

Elizabeth City, June 13.—Publicly acknowledging the services of the press in obtaining enactment of the Australian ballot, the workmen's compensation act and the 1929 school law, Governor Gardner tonight called upon the members of the North Carolina Press Association in their annual convention to back him in a two-year program of further advancement.

He summarized his program as follows:

"First in importance for us to achieve in the next two years is improvement in agriculture and country living; next, the bringing nearer of the eight months school term for every child in North Carolina; then, the development of a general interest in and demand for improvement of the administration of local government."

"Going along with these three steps, and organically related to them," he continued, "I would place a further reform in our taxation system. In fact, while I do not regard taxation reform in itself as important as some of the other three goals, I doubt that we could achieve any substantial progress in any one of them without an accompanying improvement of our system of taxation."

Referring to his agricultural program, involving making available to the farmers all the work of State College, the department of agriculture and similar agencies, and the promotion of the use of pure seed and purchased stock, the governor declared:

"There is nothing more essential to our effort to maintain the stride which for eight years we have set, than for the state to find some way to make farming as a business more profitable and country living more attractive."

The eight months school term was described as "our most urgent educational need."

"The continuing fight for and against it," the chief executive said, "has been and is today responsible for a disturbing and almost alarming situation in our state."

"One of the disturbing accompaniments of all discussion of school legislation in the recent general assembly," he said, "has been the prolonged and oftentimes bitter struggle between sections and classes in what we may as well frankly face and call their effort to push off of themselves their fair and proper proportion of their burden of their own public schools."

"This struggle to run away from a proper obligation has come to occupy too important a place in most of the discussion of the improvement of our public schools. It is preventing educational development. It is causing political and sectional bitterness. In many other ways it is having a harmful and dangerous effect on this state."

"I believe that the press could render no finer public service during the next two years than to educate the people in the state to the dangers inherent in this struggle and to show our people that no matter which side wins, we are all losers; and that our leadership must come together in open-minded, honest, intelligent effort to arrive at an equitable and fair solution of this problem."

The governor discussed county government at length, appealing for more efficient conduct of local affairs.

In urging tax reform, the chief executive declared two objectives should be sought, more complete equalization of the burden borne by individual property owners and preventing "the escape of so much of the taxable property in this state from a share in the tax burden."

HARDWARE CONVENTION GOLF TOURNAMENT

Blowing Rock, June 15.—The handicap tournament of the hardware convention of the Carolinas which was held on the Mayview golf course here for the past few days, was won by J. W. Hartsock of Richmond, Va., whose score was gross 82, handicap 12, net score 71. Mr. Hertsock received a handsome silver cup donated by Mayview Manor. Second prize was awarded to J. W. Patterson of Atlanta, Ga., who had a gross score of 90, handicap 18, net 72.

The weather was perfect for the tournament and there were many entries from all parts of the south. The course was in perfect condition and ideal for play. Mayview Manor golf course has the unique reputation of being the highest golf course east of the Rocky Mountains and magnificent views of the Blue Ridge mountains are afforded from every hole, tee and fairway. Mr. George Blegg is the golf professional. Mr. Blegg is associated with the Olympia Country Club in Florida during the winter and was formerly located at the Golf Shop, Richmond, Va.

2 BLOWING ROCK STORES LOOTED

More Than \$800 in Cash and Merchandise Taken from Stores of H. C. Hayes and T. H. Coffey; Park Commission at Mayview

Blowing Rock, June 10.—Two Blowing Rock stores were broken open Monday night by burglars who forced front doors with crowbars of similar implements. From H. C. Hayes' store they took about \$800 worth of merchandise and apparently carried it off in a truck. Then they went to T. H. Coffey's store, forced the door, broke open the cash register and took about \$18 in cash. The checks they found they carefully stacked on top of the cash register before they left.

Policeman I. E. Story had found no clues to the burglars, but Tuesday morning the driver of the Smith Kirby truck reported that at Hudson he had passed a truck, apparently abandoned, filled with empty boxes and cartons. It is thought possible that this may be the truck in which the merchandise was hauled away from Mr. Hayes' store.

Blowing Rock has been busy during the last week entertaining visiting delegations to conventions. The hardware men's convention was in session three days, with speakers from both the Carolinas and from several other states. Among the speeches on the program was one by J. F. Moore of Boone.

The convention came to its climax with the convention banquet in the dining room of Mayview Manor. Dr. Frazer of Queen's College, Charlotte, was the speaker.

Between sessions the delegates engaged in a golf tournament, in which prizes were donated by D. J. Boyden, manager of Mayview Manor.

Saturday and Sunday, members of the North Carolina and Tennessee Park Commission met at Mayview Manor with A. B. Cammerer, acting director of the national park service, to discuss methods of condemnation in acquiring land for the Great Smoky Mountain National Park. They did not announce any decisions before they left Sunday afternoon for Asheville. The predicted, however, that the Smoky Mountain Park would be one of the most popular in the country.

Saturday members of the southern division of the American Cotton Waste and Lint Association were in session at Green Park hotel, but they said they did not want any of their proceedings published.

This week the Alpha Delta Phi, national council, will be in session at Mayview Manor. On July 1 the Southern Association of Court Clerks will convene at the manor. W. H. Gragg, who is going to the convention of North Carolina Building & Loan Associations, will carry with him an invitation from D. J. Boyden for the next convention to be held in Blowing Rock.

The annual Blowing Rock Horse Show this year will be featured by a steeplechase. A course is already being marked out around the regular show grounds on the old Mayview golf course. It is rough going, and plenty of thrills are promised for the spectators, as well as the riders. From inquiries already received, it is indicated that some of the best riders in the south will take part.

A jolly little folks' party was given by his mother, Mrs. Cameron Williams, for James Williams, on his sixth birthday, Monday afternoon at the home of his grandmother, Mrs. W. L. Holshouser. The shady lawn, the porch and living rooms were put at the disposal of the young folks for games. After these came the lovely birthday cake with its six candles and the ice cream that little folks believe is made especially to accompany birthday cakes. The guests at James' party were his sister, Mary Louise Williams, his brothers, Bill and Ernest, his cousin, Howard Holshouser, Jr., Louise Prevotte, Katherine Underdown, Kathleen Foster, Lena Miller Robbins, Harry Robbins, Allen Klutz, Robert Ward, Jerome Pewitt, Margaret Miller, Jack Robbins and Hayden Pitts.

The Blowing Rock Exchange opened as usual on June 15, but not in the usual quarters adjoining the Hob Nob Tea Room, as the building formerly housing the exchange is now in use as the New Watauga Inn. The present quarters of the exchange are the Reeves drug store building, adjoining the Reeves home on Main street.

Miss Anne Ward, daughter of Mrs. Edward Ward of Blowing Rock, and Mr. James Dudley Council, Jr., of Boone, were married quietly in Mountain City, Tenn., on the evening of June 13. They were accompanied there by Mrs. Ralph Ricketts of Winston-Salem, the bride's sister, Mrs. J. A. Panella of Blowing

Airplane Crashes at Blowing Rock

Blowing Rock, June 19.—The Miss Carolina, biplane No. 4309 of the Dixie Airways, Inc., was forced down here Tuesday afternoon and crashed into the trees in front of Green Park hotel, but no one was hurt.

The motor went dead while the plane was flying over the village, and the pilot attempted to reach the golf course to make a landing, but could not hold the plane up that far. Because of the wires and trees around the hotel, he could not reach the lawn in front of the building.

One wing of the ship was smashed, the landing gear was badly damaged, and the propeller was broken.

SPOKESMEN FOR TWO NATIONS PLEAD FOR WORLD PEACE

London, June 18.—The chosen spokesmen of two peoples, those of Great Britain and the United States, simultaneously tonight made official calls for world peace in which these two nations should be an example and encouragement for other nations.

Prime Minister Ramsay MacDonald delivered his pronouncement to residents of his native Lissiemouth, Scotland. United States Ambassador Charles G. Dawes made his maiden public speech in that capacity at the Pilgrims' dinner in London. In a message from the premier read at the Pilgrims' dinner he said that the two English speaking countries desire no alliance "either of common offense or of future defense." They only want mutual good will which will be an example and encouragement for other nations to come into the "same companionship."

"Moreover," said his message, "we are placed in an extraordinary position in that our coming together in no way means we are leaving somebody else out. It is a great world impetus to get side by side which both America and ourselves are feeling." The prime minister found no great issue with the United States, but rather similarity to neglected roads between two men "with a slightly rough surface and some overgrowth, but with men determined to smooth them out."

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NURSING CAREER OFFERED HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS

Washington, June 13.—There is urgent need for 50 student nurses at St. Elizabeth hospital, Washington, D. C. Applicants must show that they have completed at least two years of high school, must be in good health, and must have reached their 18th but not their 20th birthday.

The training school for nurses at St. Elizabeth hospital offers a three-year course leading to a diploma in nursing. Student nurses are paid \$288 per annum with quarters, subsistence, laundry, and medical attention. Those who complete the course are automatically promoted to the grade of nurse at \$1,620 per annum. Further promotion depends upon the occurrence of vacancies and the employee's efficiency.

Those interested should communicate at once with the civil service representative, St. Elizabeths Hospital, Washington, D. C.

14 GASTONIA STRIKERS HELD FOR GRAND JURY

Charlotte, June 18.—Fourteen strikers, strike sympathizers and union leaders charged with murder were denied writs of habeas corpus in Mecklenburg superior court today by Judge Harding and ordered held without bail for the grand jury. The charges grew from the slaying of O. F. Aderholt, Gastonia chief of police, in a clash with strikers at Gastonia headquarters of the National Textile Workers union on June 7.

Bail for eight other prisoners charged with secret assault with intent to kill was fixed at \$750 each. None had made bail late today.

Rock, and Mrs. Wm. Winkler of Boone. Mr. Council is the son of one of the most prominent families of Boone and Mrs. Council was one of the most popular and attractive girls of Blowing Rock. On Wednesday evening a miscellaneous shower was given in her honor by Mrs. Henry Conrad, at which were present a large number of friends from both Boone and Blowing Rock. Mr. and Mrs. Council have not announced their plans for the future, but will ultimately make their home in Boone where Mr. Council is employed.

DRAFT PROGE FOR 4TH OF JULY

Plans Practically Complete for Celebration; Main Address by Gen. Albert I. Cox; Field Sports, Band Concerts and Dance Features

The program committee appointed to lay out the order of events for the Fourth of July celebration here has practically completed its duties and only two or three of the lesser details have been left open until the next meeting of the committee with the Legion Friday night. At this time the program is to be finally adopted.

The celebration will get under way at 10 a. m., when a parade will be formed at the Sprinkle Oil Company's filling station, composed of ex-service men, Ladies' Auxiliary, band and floats provided by business houses and organizations. The parade will proceed to the American Legion Park where an address of welcome is to be delivered by Post Commander H. G. Farthing and Mayor R. S. Swift. Following this, at 11:30, General Albert I. Cox of Raleigh is scheduled to deliver the principal address of the occasion.

At 1:00 p. m., dinner is to be served in the park, present plans calling for the preparation of about 200 plates of barbecue, this to be supplemented by basket dinners which housewives of the county are to furnish for the occasion.

2:30 p. m., field sports, potato and sack races, greased pig contest, 100 yard dash and other sports.

4:00 p. m., baseball game, West Jefferson vs. Boone.

7:00 p. m., band concert in front of courthouse.

At 9 p. m., either a display of fireworks or a boxing bout will be staged, while beginning at 10 p. m., a dance, either at the Critcher hotel or on the street, will finish the program of the day.

ROMINGER DOTS

Rominger, June 13.—Dewey Rominger and family visited relatives on Rush Branch last Sunday.

Owing to the recent heavy rains, our roads are in almost impassable condition. It seems that our pleadings for some work on them is entirely ignored. We must pay our road taxes and we believe we are entitled to some work on our roads in this immediate section.

Ralph Tuttle and Byron Trivett of Vilas were guests at the home of M. P. Trivett last Sunday night.

A. T. Watson and M. P. Trivett report a fine fox chase last Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. George Trivett visited Walter Harmon last Saturday.

Dr. J. W. Love was here last Saturday vaccinating folks for diphtheria and typhoid fever.

Irish potatoes are looking fine in this locality. We can grow as fine potatoes and cabbage for market as any place in the county. My! how we do need a road! We are going to keep everlastingly contending for some work on roads in this section. Come across, boys, and help us; the time will come when you will be glad to get our help.

The mail carrier reports the road from Rominger to Beech Creek almost impassable.

COVE CREEK NEWS NOTES

Sugar Grove, June 13.—Mr. E. F. Sherwood and family have moved into the Conley Glenn home on Brushy Fork. Mr. Glenn has gone to Charlotte to look after his property there.

Misses Willie Burt Fuller, Katherine Patterson and Martha Fuller of Greensboro and Miss Estelle Fuller of Chapel Hill were week-end guests of Mrs. S. F. Horton.

Mr. H. E. Deal has taken a position as salesman for the Home Comfort range.

Miss Jennie Mast, who has been teaching in Winston-Salem for the past year is home for the summer months.

Quite a number of teachers of the community are attending summer school at the Normal.

Mrs. Luther M. Bingham was operated on for tonsillitis at Grace Hospital, Banner Elk, last week.

Miss Rebecca Taylor who has been attending Elon College is with her parents, Rev. R. A. Taylor and Mrs. Taylor of Amantha for the summer vacation.

Dean McBride and John Church of the Cove Creek high school, are taking training at the summer camps for boys provided by the army.

Mr. W. Y. Perry is conducting a summer school at Cove Creek for those who are behind in their regular high school work.

Mr. Teachey, district supervisor of vocational agriculture, was in the community last week. He inspected the school plant and is highly in favor of establishing a course in agriculture here next year.

Must List Taxes Before July First

Tax Supervisor Henry J. Hardin announces in The Democrat this week that although taxes are required to be listed during the month of May, he has arranged to extend the time limit to the first of July. However after this time a penalty will be added for failure to list. Mr. Hardin is very anxious that the taxpayers of the county co-operate and save the additional cost.

NORTH CAROLINA NOW HAS 1,685 MILES OF HIGHWAYS

North Carolina, with 1,685.4 miles of completed highways on which federal aid was received, now has under construction and approved for construction 86 additional new miles on which has been allotted \$975,120.20, according to a report of the bureau of public roads of the department of agriculture, as of April 30, 1929.

This state has slightly more than 2 per cent, or approximately one-fortieth of the 77,111 miles in the United States built with federal aid.

The estimated cost of North Carolina highways now under construction with federal aid is \$1,725,523, of which the federal aid allotment is \$862,761, as compared with total cost of \$220,923,192 in the nation, of which the federal government is paying \$89,197,221. North Carolina has 76 miles of initial aid road under construction as compared with 7,707.3 miles in the nation, and 11.2 miles which are being raised to a higher type surface than when built with federal aid.

Federal aid roads approved for construction in North Carolina will cost \$217,676, of which the federal aid allotment is \$112,358. This is for one 11-mile stretch.

Federal aid funds still available for North Carolina in highway construction amount to \$1,950,861, as compared with \$79,267,292 available for all the states.

BIBLE PRESENTED TO COVE CREEK CHURCH

Last Sunday morning at the 11 o'clock service, in the presence of a large congregation, the Royal Ambassadors of Cove Creek Baptist church presented the church with a beautiful pulpit Bible. The presentation was made by James McBride, Jr., with very fitting words, and D. F. Horton, one of the senior deacons, received the Bible for the church.

This was a very impressive part of the service Sunday. The Snow Lodge of the Masonic Fraternity was well represented, and Dr. Gordon preached a Masonic sermon, in which he gave a history of the altar in the life of man and its place and purpose in Masonry. He also told what the Bible means and usage of the square and compass in Masonry. The message was well received and made a profound impression on all present. Dr. Gordon showed that true Masonry is a builder of spiritual faith, moral culture and practical patriotism, and its value lies in the making of better men, and the building of a noble national life. It was a treat for all who love the gentle craft.

CONFEDERATE PENSIONERS RECEIVE SEMI-ANNUAL CHECKS

Checks totaling \$4,237.50 for Confederate soldiers and widows of soldiers were received Saturday by A. E. South, clerk of the court, and are now being distributed to the 15 soldiers and 30 widows of soldiers in the county. The soldiers receive \$182.50 semi-annually and the widows \$50 each. During the last two months three soldiers and one widow have been added to the pension roll, these being W. R. Spainhour, Leunel Greene and Wm. M. Millsaps and Mrs. Polly Billings.

Four soldiers, Wm. Hodges, Wm. Holler, Jas. C. Arrant and Albert P. Wilson, have died during the past two years. During that time two widows have also answered the final call, Mrs. Martha A. Cole and Mrs. Elizabeth Dyer.

Soldiers and widows who have not yet received their checks, are asked to call at the clerk's office, or authorize some one to receive checks for them.

JUDGMENTS RENDERED IN BAILEY BROTHERS CASE

Cases against Bailey B. Winston-Salem tobacco man, charging that stock in the firm was misappropriated, were disposed of in court last week. Judge turning judgments in favor of ordered plaintiffs to pay costs.

MAN HACKED TO DEATH WITH AXE

Dewey Ward is in Jail Charged With Murder of Ralph Eggers Sunday Morning in Beaver Dam Section; Claims Self-Defense

Dewey Ward, young white man of the lower Beaver Dam section of Watauga county, is in the county jail after having made a confession before a coroner's jury as to the fatal chopping of Ralph Eggers, 25, with a two-bladed axe on Sunday morning about 10:30 o'clock. The killing occurred in a remote section of the Beaver Dam country and there being no eye-witnesses to the tragedy, the self-confessed slayer was not arrested until late Sunday night, when County Coroner J. B. Hagaman and Deputy Sheriff P. C. Wyke, arrived on the scene and a jury was summoned.

The tragedy occurred at the home of Ward on a homestead belonging to Eggers, where the latter and his family had gone for the week-end for the purpose of picking cherries. According to the testimony submitted by the widow of the slain man, both the young men had been drinking rather heavily before the attack. Following a suggestion of her husband, the two started with baskets to pick cherries from a nearby tree, which stood behind a woodshed. Within a short space of time Mrs. Eggers' small child came running with the information that Ward was chopping her father with an axe. The former then came from behind the woodshed carrying the bloody weapon and when inquiries were made by Mrs. Eggers, Ward is said to have made some such reply as, "I have done what I've done and it's done." Mrs. Eggers started for help and when neighbors arrived, it was found that Eggers had likely died almost instantly. The coroner's examination revealed that the axe had literally been buried twice in the left side of the body just below the heart and one similar blow had been dealt just above the left hip.

Ward in the meantime remained at home, and is alleged to have circulated the report that Eggers met his death when he fell from the cherry tree upon the untamed axe. However, when the three yawning gashes were revealed, he realized the futility of his story, and within a few minutes made a plea of self defense.

According to his confession, the trouble started when Eggers cursed him because he didn't secure whiskey for him on the foregoing afternoon. He alleged that Eggers struck the first blow, that he first had the axe, and that he (Ward) wrested the implement from his antagonist before the fatal blows were dealt. The slayer received no noticeable injuries. Following the inquest a jug containing about a half gallon of whiskey was found hidden in the edge of the woods near the home. A pair of steel knucks were also found near the scene of the conflict.

No stories are told of any ill feelings having existed between the two men in the past, and aside from the fact that they were drinking, no reason has been advanced as to why they should have been engaged in an affray.

Funeral services for Mr. Eggers were to have been held from the Bethel Baptist church Monday. Surviving are a widow and three small children.

Ward is married and has one child.

SILVERSTONE NOTES

Zionville R. F. D., June 18.—Mr. Larkin Pennell and Miss Leness Isaacs were married a few days ago. Also on June 8, Mr. Ray Pardue and Miss Edna Cook of Silverstone were quietly married at Trade, Tenn.

Mr. Albert Wilson is right sick. Mr. Leander Wilson is very sick, having been confined to his room several days. The Union church at his home Sunday afternoon sang several numbers for him.

The Sunday school at Grove church is making good progress. The pastor, Rev. J. H. Smith, filled his room 29th and 30th.