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## MAX GARDNER OPENS GUBERNATORIAL RACE AT BOONE MONDAY

**Our Next Governor Comes Out in Plain Statement of His Position on State and National Affairs.**

Boone, Sept. 3.—O. Max Gardner, Democratic nominee for governor, pledged loyal support to Governor Alfred E. Smith in his first speech of the campaign here Monday, but at the same time served notice that he intended to paramount state issues.

The Democratic leader, introduced at the Watauga county courthouse by Congressman Robert A. Dougherty, declared he was a party man, and extolled the virtue of party regularity, while at the same time he conceded to other Democrats the right to differ with him.

He renewed the pledge he made at the state convention that he "would say nothing to injure the feelings or bruise the conscience of any North Carolina Democrat."

"When a Democrat becomes a dictator, he ceases to be a Democrat," the Shelby candidate declared.

**Differs With Smith's Views**

Mr. Gardner admitted he differed with some of the personal views of the Democratic presidential nominee, but he paid tribute to Governor Smith's ability.

"While I did not prefer the nomination of Governor Smith and did not attend the Houston convention," he said, "I would consider myself, as Democratic candidate for governor, unworthy of the trusted responsibility and leadership my nomination implies, if, in the first speech of the campaign, I should hesitate to announce my purpose to loyally support the entire ticket of my party from constable to president. I stand flat-footed and whole-hearted in national matters squarely on the Houston platform."

**Paramount State Issues**

Declaring that he would not ignore national issues, the speaker said he was running for governor of North Carolina and not for president of the United States, and that his candidacy would be presented to the voters on the basis of the party's "unequalled and unexcelled record" in state affairs.

It has been the custom, he went on, for the gubernatorial candidate to devote his time and talents largely to state problems and their relations to the intimate needs of the people.

"I shall therefore endeavor," he promised, "to accurately, courageously and fearlessly present any paramount state issues in this campaign."

Mr. Gardner spoke in part 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. When a Democrat becomes a dictator, he ceases to be a Democrat."

**Is Party Man**

"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.

**Cherishes Honor**

"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 Democrat years before I was born. I have been a member of the Baptist church since I was 13 years of age, and a consistent member and loyal supporter of the Junior Order for 21 years. I refuse to allow anything to turn me out of either of these organizations.

"I am the nominee of the Democratic party in North Carolina for governor. Of course, I do not know what the future may have in store for me, but I declare to you that the generous action of my party, the party of my fathers in nominating me without opposition for the high officer of governor, after 20 years of public service and the public scrutiny, is an honor that I shall always cherish as the outstanding compliment and distinction of my public life.

**Did Not Prefer Smith**

"I enter this campaign a free man. I have made no private promises, I have no secret alliances. I carry my conscience and my sovereignty under my hat. The only obligation that rests upon me is the fundamental obligation of loyalty to my party and genuine devotion to the interests and welfare of all people of North Carolina. In the experiences of my political life, in the sunshine of victory and in the shadows of defeat, I have never faltered in my allegiance to the Democratic party. I shall not do so now.

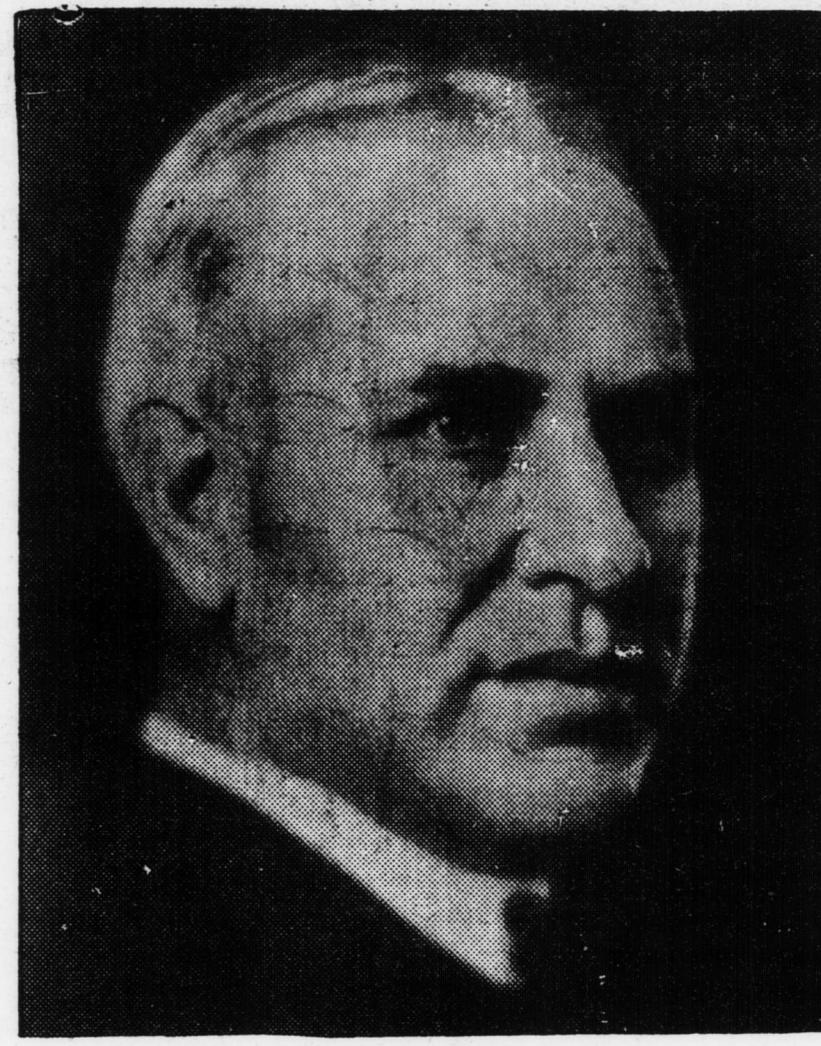
**To Present State Record**

I have never aspired to any field of service beyond the boundaries of my own state. While I am a national as well as a state Democrat, I must confess that my political training and ambitions have served to make me state-minded. This may be a narrow and provincial view, but I think I see field of service in North Carolina that challenges my devotion and best ability for the remainder of my life. I am a candidate for governor of North Carolina, not for president of the United States. My candidacy, unconfused, shall be predicated and presented to the people of North Carolina upon the unequalled and unexcelled record of the Democratic party in this state.

With all due regard for national issues, and they will not be ignored by me in this campaign, it has been the custom and policy in this state for governor on the Democratic ticket to largely devote his time and talents to state problems and their relation to the intimate needs of our people. I shall therefore endeavor to accurately, courageously and fearlessly present and paramount state issues in this campaign.

"I realize that many of my friends differ from me, and I grant them this right, but as for me and mine, the Democratic party is not an inanimate thing—it represents a living and immortal organization, an organization coexisting with the life of this nation, an organization in American history that has always been the hope of every man who suffers the dread of every man who does wrong.

### Democratic Nominee For Governor



O. MAX GARDNER

### HOPEWELL MAN DIED SUNDAY PROCEEDINGS OF SUPERIOR COURT

Dule Wilson, Aged 67, Suc-  
cumbs to Lingering Illness  
—Funeral Monday

Ellenboro, Sept. 4.—Dule Wilson, aged 67, died at his home near Hopewell Methodist church Sunday morning of a lingering illness.

Funeral service was held Monday afternoon at 2:30 at his home and was in charge of his pastor, Rev. O. C. Houston. Interment was in the Ellenboro cemetery.

Mr. Wilson is survived by three sons, Horace, Beheler and Ralph Wilson, and one daughter, Jettie Wilson.

His wife preceded him to the grave several years ago. Four brothers, Teat, Knob and James Wilson, of Ellenboro, and Dr. H. D. Wilson, of Shelby, survive.

Mr. Wilson was a member of the Presbyterian church, having joined in early life and had lived a consistent Christian life. Mr. Wilson was a well known farmer, and owned a fine country home and farm near Hopewell church.

### WOMAN'S CLUB

The Woman's Club of Forest City extends an invitation to the new teachers, or any ladies who have recently moved to Forest City, to join the club at this time before the new year books are published. Any one desiring to join the club please send name and \$1.00 for membership dues to Mrs. A. W. Falvey, president, not later than Monday, September 10th. The club's work will start in October and it is desired that you send your name in for membership before the new roll is made up for the year.

### RUTHERFORD COUNTY FAIR CATALOGS READY

The catalogs of The Rutherford County Fair Association have been printed and are now ready for distribution. This year's catalog consists of fifty-four pages and cover, and was printed by The Courier. Mr. F. E. Patton states that catalogs will be mailed to all individuals who have exhibited produce at any of the previous fairs. Others may secure copies by calling at the office of Mr. Patton, in Rutherfordton, at The Forest City Courier office or at the office of Mr. David Lindsay, Spindale. In addition to the premium list the catalog carries a complete program of events at the fair during the five days, October 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6th.

Rutherford County Bank & Trust Co., vs. W. E. Turner and W. P. Redfern. Plaintiff recovers judgment for \$2490.00 with interest and cost.

### Number of Cases on Civil Docket Disposed of Since Last Week

Rutherfordton, Sept. 5.—Judge Michael Schenck, of Asheville, who is presiding over the August term of civil court, is making splendid progress in clearing the civil docket. The court entered the second week Tuesday. No court was held Monday on account of Labor Day being a national holiday.

The following cases have been disposed of since the last issue of The Courier:

Rutherford County Commissioners vs. The Conduit Electric Co. and others, on breach of contract. Judgment in favor of the plaintiff in the sum of \$856.16 and cost.

Citizens Bank and Trust Co., of Union, S. C., vs. J. C. Hampton. Judgment for plaintiff in sum of \$711.62 and interest and cost.

Z. V. Hemphill vs. M. E. Fox. Compromise judgment in the sum of \$50 paid by defendant for alleged injuries sustained when Fox, policeman, arrested Hemphill.

W. M. Ledbetter, vs. M. E. Fox. Same as above.

Lake Lure Lumber Co., vs. State Highway Commission. Compromised for \$300.00 and cost in plaintiff's favor.

Mrs. M. E. Whiteside vs. State Highway Commission. Compromised for \$450.00 and cost in favor of plaintiff.

W. M. Flynn vs. State Highway Commission. Compromised for \$200 and cost in favor of plaintiff.

Edgar Hudson vs. Harris Edger-ton and Lillian Edger-ton. Plaintiff recovers \$500.00 and cost. Compromised judgment.

Wiliva Murphy vs. Mont Murphy, divorce granted.

Erwin Withrow vs. Citizens Bank & Trust Co., Executor of J. B. Carpenter, deceased. Action brought to recover compensation for services render dec'd. Compromised on condition that the plaintiff pay to defendant the sum of \$30.00 within thirty days, and the cost of this action. On the payment of the said sum defendant is to cancel of record the note and mortgage which it holds against plaintiff, otherwise proceed to foreclose same.

Rutherford County Bank & Trust Co., vs. W. E. Turner and W. P. Redfern. Plaintiff recovers judgment for \$2490.00 with interest and cost.

Rutherford County Bank & Trust Co., vs. W. E. Turner and Dorothy Turner. Plaintiff recovers \$5000.00 with interest and costs.

### SEND THE COURIER TO THE CHILDREN IN SCHOOL

Boys and girls are now leaving for college, and for school. You would not think of letting a week go by without writing them, yet you can't possibly tell them one-half of what they are interested in when you write. Why not subscribe for The Courier for them and let it visit them each week, carrying all of the latest news, not only of Forest City, but of Rutherford county. The Courier will tell them hundreds of items of news that you will never think to put in your letters. The Courier is only \$1.00 for eight months. Send it to your boy or girl this week and let them enjoy its weekly visit during the remainder of the college or school year.

### 1484 STUDENTS ENROLLED IN COOL SPRINGS SCHOOLS

Enrollment Exceeds Last Year's Record by 100 Students First Day

The Cool Springs Township schools opened Monday morning with a record enrollment. According to the superintendent, Prof. J. W. Eakes, 1484 students enrolled in the various township schools for first day. This was approximately 100 more than were enrolled last year. The enrollment of the schools follow: Forest City grammar school, 700; Alexander grammar school 225; Bostic grammar school 116; Mount Pleasant grammar school 114; Pleasant Grove elementary school 30; Cool Springs High school 299.

Prof. Eakes states that work was carried on according to schedule Monday, since the registration and enrolling of students had been completed on the Friday before, allowing the students to begin routine work the first day.

The prospects for an excellent school year is good, and the schools of the township are expected to make a better showing this year than last, according to Mr. Eakes.

### GRADY HARRILL GOES TO CHARLOTTE BASEBALL CLUB

Grady Harrill, leading catcher of Western North Carolina semi-pro baseball and the mainstay of the local club, will report to the Charlotte Hornets in the South Atlantic League on September 10 and will remain with them during the remainder of the 1928 season.

In 1923, Harrill caught for Forest City in the Blue Ridge League, but was idle during the 1924, 1925, 1926 seasons. In 1927 he again took up baseball and was the mainstay of the Alexander mill team in the Rutherford county Textile League.

This season he has been the sensation of the Carolina Textile League and has been picked on almost every all star Carolina Textile League team and was picked by Jazzy Moore, Kannapolis sport writer, as all western semi-pro catcher.

Harrill's many friends and admirers believe he is good enough for class B baseball and will be watching his career with interest. If he should meet with the approval of Leo Mackey, Charlotte boss, he will have a chance of catching for Charlotte next season.

### CHOCOLATE SHOP OPENS

Mr. T. D. Bridges opened Forest City's newest store Tuesday evening — The Chocolate Shop.

The Chocolate Shop is located on the corner of Main and Mill Streets, on the public square. The storeroom has been remodeled and presents a new and handsome appearance and is especially fitted for the confectionery business. There are handsome booths, screened by pretty lattice work for those desiring privacy. The elegant new fountain and everything in connection is very attractive and up-to-date.

The Chocolate Shop should prove a popular resort in our fast growing city. Mr. Bridges is a popular young man of Bostic, where he formerly conducted a drug store. He invites the public to give him a call in his new Forest City store.

### MONTFORD COVE

Nealsville, R-1, Sept. 4.—Oak Hill school opened Monday. Miss Rose Johnson, of Union Mills, is the teacher. We hope for her a successful school year.

Mr. Molo Ledbetter is visiting friends at Rutherfordton today.

Mrs. Sam Dalton is improving, her friends will be glad to know.

Mrs. Della Koone and Miss McGaha of Forest City, spent last week with Mr. and Mrs. Morris Hemphill. Misses Maude Stott and Gertrude Hemphill left yesterday for Rutherfordton where they will enter Central High for teacher training course.

### BEAUTY SHOW WEDNESDAY EVE SEPTEMBER 5

The contest to decide who shall represent Forest City in the national beauty show will be held at Horn's Theatre Wednesday evening, September 5.

A number of our local girls have signified their intention to enter the contest.

The Courier is giving a silver loving cup to the winner of the title, "Miss Forest City."

To get the best representation in the national contest, a large number of local girls should enter the class to decide the local winner.

The judges are Rev. G. R. Gillespie, Dr. A. C. Duncan and J. T. Gilbert.

Time: 9 p. m. Wednesday, September 5.

### TO LEARN CHIROPRACTIC

Mr. Clyde Blanton, of Avondale, nephew of Dr. B. M. Jarrett, left last week for Indianapolis, Ind., to attend the Lincoln College of Chiropractic.