

SCHOOL BONDS CARRY BY LARGE MAJORITY

More Than Eleven Hundred of the 1,515 Registered Voters of City Cast Ballots on Wednesday for the Bonds.

WOMEN PLAYED IMPORTANT PART

Bonds Mean That Educational Institutions in City Will Be Made Larger and Much More Efficient.

More than eleven hundred voters, out of a total registration of 1,515, went to the polls here yesterday and declared to the world that the children of Concord shall have the best educational facilities possible by voting for the special school bond election of \$225,000.

The women of the city played a big part in carrying the election. They were late in voting, but they voted strong after getting started, and it is known that in several instances the mother voted for the bonds after the father had voted against them.

By Box 2, Ward 1 goes the honor of securing the vote of the largest percentage of the registered voters. In this ward 174 persons registered and 130 of them went to the polls and cast votes for the bonds.

Ward 1, box 1—For 331, against 1, registered 407. Ward 1, box 2—For 130, against 5, registered 174. Ward 2—For 230, against 2, registered 288. Ward 3—For 100, against 3, registered 147.

Ward 4—For 185, against 5, registered 247. Ward 5—For 179, against 1, registered 237. Total for 1,145. Votes cast against 17. Total registered 1,515.

The election aroused more interest here than any other of its kind in the history of the city. There was a great deal of opposition to the election when it was first called, but as facts and figures were given to the voters of the city this opposition subsided, and it was admitted by everyone on the day the registration books closed that the election was almost certain to carry.

For several years past it has been apparent that the present high school building was inadequate to accommodate the high school students of the city, and it was also known when the new primary building was erected that it would relieve the congestion in this department only temporarily, and that additional facilities would be necessary in a short while. For these reasons the board in February asked the aldermen to call an election for \$300,000.

Later this election was called off and a new one was ordered. An amount asked this time being \$225,000. The bonds were to bear 5 per cent. interest, instead of 6 per cent. interest, which the first election called for.

The colored school building is in such condition that it cannot be economically repaired, remodelled, or added to. The Number Two School needs six additional classrooms and it needs a commodious auditorium for the proper functioning of the school.

Five additional rooms are needed at Central School. At the present high school building there are only six classrooms and this fall there will be two eleventh grades, two tenth grades, three ninth grades, and three eighth grades and there should be an extra room for commercial classes, laboratories, and domestic science rooms. Five additional classrooms will be needed in five years.

AMERICAN LEGION MEN TO TOUR BATTLEFIELDS

To Start August 2.—Several Hundred to Take the Trip. (By the Associated Press.)

New York, July 6.—A pilgrimage to the battlefields on which they fought four years ago has been arranged for several hundred former service men by the American Legion. The tour is open to members of the Legion and its auxiliaries, which compose the wives, mothers, daughters and sisters of the men who served in the World War.

The party will sail for France on the President Pierce August 5; will land at Cherbourg and go directly to Paris, where it will be officially welcomed by the French government. During the stay in Paris trips will be taken to the French battlefields and other points of interest.

According to the itinerary of the Legion the party will reach Brussels August 30th. From Brussels it will go to Ostend and tour the battlefields of Flanders.

From Belgium the Legionnaires will go to London, where they will be the guests of the London Post of the American Legion and the British Legion. The party will return on the steamship Metagama, arriving at Montreal September 16th.

Arrangements for the tour are in charge of John J. Wicker, Jr., of Richmond, Va., who as tour director has headquarters at the office of the American Legion Weekly, New York.

THE COTTON MARKET

Opened at a Decline of From 12 to 23 Points—Market Quiet. (By the Associated Press.)

New York, July 6.—The cotton market opened easy at a decline of 12 to 23 points in response to relatively easy Liverpool cables and sold about 25 points net lower during early trading with October touching 22.64 or within four points of the lowest price touched on the decline of yesterday morning. Liverpool was a moderate seller here while there was further scattered liquidation or commission house selling, but offerings were not heavy and the market was comparatively quiet.

Cotton futures opened fairly steady; July unquoted; October 22.75; December 22.45; January 22.10; March 22.00.

VATICAN GENDARMES MUTINIED TODAY

Cry "Long Live the Pope!" and "Death to the Commandant!" London, July 6. (By the Associated Press.)—A Central News dispatch from Rome says the gendarmes serving in an honorary capacity in policing the Vatican, mutinied this morning crying out, "Long live the Pope," "Death to the commandant." They were immediately dismissed and the barracks occupied by Swiss Guards.

Jack King's Comedians Playing to Large Audiences.

Jack King's Comedians at the big tent are playing to large audiences each night. Last night Jack King was at his best as "Brother" in "A Sunday Town Judge." This is a good comedy of players, and the crowd has gone away from each performance well pleased. The specialties between the acts are clean, and thoroughly enjoyed. Mr. King is supported by a company of real actors, who conduct themselves off the stage as ladies and gentlemen. The excellent seven-piece orchestra makes a great hit with the audience each night.

Legal Proceedings Are Contemplated Against Bielaski.

Washington, D. C., July 6.—Reports in Mexico City that legal proceedings are contemplated by Mexican officials against A. Bruce Bielaski on charges that he had connived at his own abduction by bandits recently near Cuernavaca, lacked confirmation today at the State Department. No word has come thus far. It was said, from Charge Sumnerlin to indicate that he had been advised formally or informally by Mexican federal authorities that they looked upon the Bielaski incident with suspicion.

Harding Tries His Hand at His Old Job.

Marion, July 5.—President Harding tried his hand again today at his old job of writing editorials for The Marion Star. Today's edition carried a two column editorial signed by "Warren G. Harding." It was headed "The Essentials of Success," and brought out that honesty, simplicity, industry, capacity and determination, "available to all who aspire," are the chief essentials of success.

Pitcher Perritt is Fined \$100 For Hurting a Bottle.

Charlotte, July 5.—Olin Perritt, pitcher for the Columbia team of the South Atlantic association, who hurled a bottle into the grandstand at the ball park here three weeks ago, hitting and injuring a small boy, was fined \$100 and costs in police court here today. The fine was paid immediately.

John Parker Moving Home to Charlotte.

Charlotte, July 5.—John J. Parker, of Monroe, Republican candidate for Governor in the last election, will move to this city at an early date for the practice of law. He has secured offices here. He has been a law partner of A. M. Stack, recently nominated for judge on the Democratic ticket, and has enjoyed a large practice in the courts of the State.

THE CHARGES AGAINST R. G. ALLEN NOT PROSSED

Purchases Property of the Defunct Central Bank and Trust Company. (By the Associated Press.)

Raleigh, July 6.—The embroilment charges against R. G. Allen, former president of the defunct Central Bank & Trust Company, of this city, today were not prosessed in Wake County Superior Court here. Allen made a settlement with the receivers of the bank Monday by which he purchased the property of the bank, including the Superior Amusement Company at a price which, it is estimated, will assure the depositors of approximately 75 per cent. of their funds.

The cases against J. H. Hightower and H. H. Massey, president and cashier respectively of the bank at the time it was closed by state bank examiner, who also are charged with embroilment, were continued until the September term of court.

SEVENTY-FIVE INJURED IN RAILROAD ACCIDENT.

Pere Marquette Train Crashed Into New York Central Engine. (By the Associated Press.)

Chicago, July 6.—Seventy-five persons were injured, only one seriously, when a Chicago-bound Pere Marquette passenger train crashed into a New York Central engine on a siding near Porter, Ill., late last night. The train proceeded to Chicago this morning after the injured received first aid.

Officials of both roads began an investigation immediately. The negro cook on a dining car was badly scalded and was taken to a hospital at Michigan City, Ind. He was the only person said to be seriously injured.

FINAL OPPORTUNITY

To Offer Further Modifications of the Muscle Shoals Proposals. (By the Associated Press.)

Washington, July 6.—A final opportunity to offer further modifications to their proposal for development and operation of the government's power and nitrate project at Muscle Shoals, Ala., will be given to all bidders whose offers have been considered by the Senate Agriculture Committee. Chairman Norris announced today, following an executive meeting of the committee, who said that letters would be sent to bidders in citing them to appear at a meeting called at his residence Thursday evening.

Miss Reynolds Here.

"Woman's Work" as understood by Southern Baptists was presented to the McGill Street Baptists at their regular Wednesday night prayer service last night in a comprehensive address by Miss Thelma Reynolds, of Hillsboro, N. C. Miss Reynolds is a graduate of the Eastern Carolina Teacher Training School at Greenville, N. C., and has completed one year in the Training School maintained by the Southern Baptists in connection with their Theological Seminary at Louisville, Ky. She will complete her course there next year and is preparing herself for home missionary work.

Rev. L. A. Thomas Resigns at Mooresville.

Mooresville, July 5.—Rev. L. A. Thomas, pastor of St. Mark's Lutheran church in this city, has tendered his resignation to accept a call to the pastorate of St. James church at Concord, to be effective September 1. A congregational meeting will be held next Sabbath to pass upon the resignation.

Memphis Special Detailed.

Hillsboro, Ala., July 6.—Westbound Southern Railway passenger train No. 25, known as the Memphis Special, was detailed near here today, the engine, baggage and mail cars going into the ditch. No one was injured. Officials of the road said the track would be cleared by noon.

Bear Robs Larder of Campers.

Asheville, July 5.—A number of young people on Barnardsville, camping in the mountains of that section, suffered loss of camp supplies yesterday when a full-grown bear invaded their camp during the night and carried away a quantity of meat. Several shots were fired at the invader, which escaped to a rock ledge.

Caterpillars Eat Up Large Forest.

Regina, Sask., July 5.—Caterpillars have eaten up fifty square miles of forests in the Kipley district, near here. Scarcely a green leaf remains, and the district presents the stark appearance of a winter scene, forestry officials say.

High Point Young Man Drowned in Pond.

High Point, July 5.—John Haywood Walker, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Walker of this city, was seized by a cramp and drowned while swimming in a reservoir at the Highland cotton mill.

Koreans do not cut their hair or beard, believing that by so doing they would dishonor their parents. Any hair that may happen to fall out is saved, and with finger-nail parings, put in the coffin, so that a dead man or woman may go back to another earth intact.

STRIKE ASSUMES A MORE PACIFIC ASPECT

Feeling Is General That the Past Twenty-Four Hours Has Shown Marked Trend Toward Peace.

WAY OPENED FOR EARLY SETTLEMENT

Jewell Says the Summons to Appear Before Board Saturday Came Too Late to Avert the Walkout.

Chicago, July 6. (By the Associated Press.)—The strike of the railway shippers assumed a more conciliatory aspect today, the sixth since the nationwide walkout, and feeling became more general in rail circles that the last 24 hours had shown a marked trend toward peace despite increased disorders at scattered points.

It was believed that yesterday's exchange of letters between Ben W. Hooper, chairman of the Railroad Labor Board, and B. W. Jewell, head of the railway employees' department of the American Federation of Labor, probably opened the way to negotiations for a nearly settlement of the controversy.

Jewell's statement that the shop crafts all are willing to confer with anybody authorized by the railroads to bring peace proposals was accepted as a promising indication of a speedy return to normal conditions in the railroad shops. Mr. Jewell says he neither included nor excluded anybody, but that if the Labor Board came with a definite proposition he would not hesitate to consider it.

The statement was made in the face of the repeated contentions by the railroads that the shippers' strike is not against the carriers, but against the government, and therefore a matter to be settled before the labor board, the governmental tribunal.

Chairman Hooper asserted that the labor board has been "protecting the interests of the striking shippers while they have been calling the board names."

Explaining his failure to answer last Friday's summons to appear at a joint conference before the board, Mr. Jewell said the summons came too late to avert the walkout set for Saturday, and that his appearance would only have caused confusion in the ranks of shop craft who had their orders to strike.

Jewell Expresses Strong Willingness for Peace.

Chicago, July 6.—A strong willingness to grasp the olive branch of peace until it breaks or until the strike of the railroad strike craft is settled, was expressed today by B. W. Jewell, president of the railway employment department of the American Federation of Labor.

DISORDER AT ROCKY MOUNT

A Striking Shuman Engages in Affray With the Police. (By the Associated Press.)

Rocky Mount, July 6.—The first disorder resulting from the strike of the shop workers at the Atlantic Coast Line shops here occurred early this morning when D. E. Riley, one of the striking shippers, and five of the special policemen protecting the company property, engaged in an affray following a dispute as to whether the striker was on the company's property. Riley suffered numerous cuts and bruises about the face and head. The five guards have been formally charged with assault with deadly weapon and will be given a hearing tomorrow. The company furnished bond of \$50 each for the policemen.

NORFOLK & WESTERN MEN ASK TO BE TAKEN BACK

Company Has Not Yet Announced That It Will Do So. (By the Associated Press.)

Columbus, Ohio, July 6.—Clerks and freight handlers of the Norfolk & Western Railroad who went on strike here yesterday, have requested that the company take them back at their old positions, officials of the railroad announced this morning. The company's attitude with reference to their return has not been established, and a conference has been scheduled for this afternoon at which some decision will be made.

TWENTY BUILDINGS IN DUBLIN BURNED

After Surrender of Insurgents Who Had Used Buildings for Fortresses. (By the Associated Press.)

Dublin, July 6.—Twenty buildings in O'Connell Street, Du'Min's main thoroughfare, were destroyed by fire after surrender of insurgent republicans who had turned the buildings into fortresses in their resistance.

TRADE COMMISSION'S REPORT ON COAL PRICES

Says "Adequate and Current" Information as to Costs Necessary to Price Fixing. (By the Associated Press.)

Washington, July 6.—Many attempts by the government to fix coal prices or establish maximum limits for selling prices will require "adequate and current" information as to costs and investments in the industry and differences in the figures between districts, the Federal Trade Commission reported to Congress today in a discussion of its investigation into bituminous production. Although its inquiry has been suspended by reason of injunction proceedings brought against its activities in the industry by the bituminous coal operators, the commission explained that work carried out prior to the suspension indicated a wide range in investment totals.

Coal is being mined in important districts with a permanent capital investment as great as \$9.00 per ton and as low as \$4.00 a ton per annual output.

DE VALERA GIVES HIS VIEW OF IRISH CRISIS

Says Provisional Government Has Assumed Military Dictatorship. (By the Associated Press.)

London, July 6.—(By the Associated Press.)—Eamon de Valera the republican leader, in a message addressed to the people of the United States declared the pact between the Irish parties has been torn up, that civil war has broken out, that the Dail Eireann is not allowed to meet and that the provisional government has assumed a military dictatorship supported by the British big guns.

"The danger to Ireland which I fear most and warned our people of—civil war—has come upon us," said Mr. de Valera in his message. "Soldiers of the army of the republic have been attacked by forces of the provisional government at the instigation of the English politicians who wanted an immediate set off to the shooting of Sir Henry Wilson in order to avert from themselves political consequences which they feared."

RUSSIANS WERE TO BE VICTIMS OF MURDERERS

Reports Say Effort Was Made to Assassinate Russian Delegates to the Hague Conference. (By the Associated Press.)

London, July 6.—A rumor that an attempt has been made to assassinate the Russian delegation to the Hague conference caused considerable excitement in the Dutch capital this morning. The Dutch press reported that the Russian delegation at The Hague denied that any attempt at assassination was made.

OLEES CONTENDS THAT HE IS STILL MAYOR

Says He Is Going to Office of Mayor in Youngstown and Work on "Mayor's Job." (By the Associated Press.)

Youngstown, Ohio, July 6.—Despite the city solicitor's unofficial ruling that Wm. B. Reese is mayor of Youngstown and George L. Oles' resignation stands, Oles announced this morning that he would go to the Mayor's Office today, take off his coat and resume work where he left off last Friday when he turned in his resignation. "I'm still Mayor, and I'm going to work at the job," Oles declared. "I may yet have to let the court reinstate me," he said.

TRY ONE DAY FLIGHT ACROSS CONTINENT

Lieutenants at Kelly Field Will Try to Fly From Jacksonville to San Diego in 24 Hours. (By the Associated Press.)

San Antonio, Texas, July 6.—Crossing the American continent from Jacksonville, Fla., to San Diego, Cal., in one day by airplane will be attempted soon by Lieutenants James H. Doolittle and L. S. Andrews, of Kelly Field, according to an announcement made yesterday at Kelly Field.

With Our Advertisers.

Fresh shipment of small sugar cured hams and Kinsman's Breakfast strip at the Cabarrus Cash Grocery Co. Before purchasing house furnishings call at the Bell & Harris Furniture Co., and see the line there. Three-piece Cante suites the best to be had.

Let the Concord & Kannapolis Gas Co. figure with you for the installation of gas fixtures in your new home.

Again Saturday the Specialty Hat Shop will offer attractive hats at half price, says new ad today. Cline's Pharmacy in a new ad today enumerates a number of special bargains which will offer for Friday and Saturday.

Have you visited the Music Department of the Bell & Harris Furniture Company? If you have not do so at once and you will find a complete line of musical instruments.

The July Clearance Sale at Fisher's will begin Saturday, July 8th, and continue through July 22nd. During the sale the company will offer many fine bargains, as new ad in this paper shows. Read the ad. Mark the goods you want and then call at the store and get them. Suits, dresses, hats, coats and many other articles will be sold at a bargain.

Two new inventions are a wireless receiving station in a match box, and a wireless receiver that can be worn like a finger ring, with an umbrella as aerial.

GEOGRAPHY IN THE SCHOOLS

Its Study is More Important Today Than Ever Before. (By the Associated Press.)

Boston, July 5.—The study of geography in the schools is more important today than ever before, and the present demands made upon the knowledge which pupils should gain in the geography class are more pressing than ever before, Robert M. Brown, of the Rhode Island College of Education, Providence, R. I., are said today in an address before the Department of Normal Schools, National Education Association, here. Outlining the present day demand for geographical knowledge Mr. Brown added:

"A large number of American youths are entering into some business which deals with other parts of the earth or other parts of our own land. Great corporations, banks, and business houses are expanding their lines to include various and sundry lines of enterprise. It is necessary to establish their own classes in geography so that their employees may have an adequate training in the fundamentals of this science. The pre-war Consular Reports of the government spoke of the ignorance which American business firms displayed toward their foreign trade. This indifference, if not ignorance, of the American exporter toward the physical conditions of other lands probably accounts in part for the loss of foreign markets. The study of regional geography as now conceived will rectify the situation.

"The contact with world affairs which must easily involve every voter in the United States and demand of him an intelligent expression of his attitude toward other lands and other peoples are comparatively few and far between. The general ignorance among us of other races, engendered by a very natural conceit which is often substituted for knowledge is a serious menace to the progress of the world. A proper study of peoples from the standpoint of their physiographic environment is the remedy."

RADIO BROADCASTING STATION DESCRIBED

Stations Comparatively Few and Remain a Mystery to the Public at Large. (By the Associated Press.)

New York, July 6.—The radio receiving stations in the United States today are numbered by the tens of thousands, but the broadcasting stations are comparatively few and to the public at large they remain a mystery. Thousands of radio fans who "listen in" nightly on lectures, concerts, and the like, have probably asked themselves the question, "What is a wireless broadcasting station like?"

A broadcasting station presents many interesting features. The huge aerial is most impressive. The power houses and the store rooms filled with wonderful "gadgets" are alike worthy of attention. But by far the most interesting part of the station for the average visitor is the magic room where the actual sending is done.

Imagine a compound of drawing room, office, and electrical laboratory, and some idea may be gained of what the transmitting room looks like. Near the door is a desk provided with what appears to be an ordinary telephone, but closer investigation shows that it is quite appropriately a wireless telephone. At the far end of the room there is likely to be a piano. Against one wall stands a neat polished cabinet, close to which is a switchboard with an array of gauges and meters.

From the ceiling a number of large inverted horns hang down on wires, their purpose being to collect as much as possible of any sounds made by the voices of the performers or the strinks of their instruments. A music stand and a few chairs usually complete the furniture.

A few minutes before a broadcast is to be given the director of the station enters the room, watch in hand, and goes to the cabinet, which contains the apparatus that is capable of transforming the weak sounds of a human voice into wireless waves that range far and wide through the ether.

The director glances over the instruments to see that all is well. Then comes an order for silence—a necessary precaution, since any word uttered may be heard by thousands of listeners in once the transmitter is working.

The hum of a distant dynamo is heard, a switch is thrown over with a click, and the next moment half a dozen huge valves are glowing in the cabinet. These big fellows, which are known as "D" valves, generate immensely powerful waves, and each requires 250 watts, almost a quarter of a horse-power, to work it.

The director turns a knob here and a lever there until he is perfectly satisfied that all the adjustments are correct. Then he goes to his desk, picks up the wireless telephone and begins to speak into it—not to one person but to all who care to listen in. First comes the name of the sending station and then a brief announcement of the entertainment that is to follow.

Carraway Attacks Sale of Liquor on Our Vessels.

Washington, July 6.—President Harding and Chairman Lasker, of the shipping board were charged by Senator Carraway, Democrat, of Arkansas, in the Senate today with flagrant violation of the prohibition laws in permitting the sale of liquor on shipping board vessels. The Senator said "all Christian Americans protest" against such sale of liquor.

Babe Ruth Gets Another Home Run.

New York, July 6.—Babe Ruth hit a home run with three men on bases in the third inning of the first game of a double header with Cleveland here today.

Australia has more places of public worship in proportion to population than any other country.

BRINGS DANGER TO HUNDREDS

About 150 Persons Overcome by Smoke in New York Subway When Blown Fuse Starts a Fire.

MAYOR DIRECTED RESCUE WORKERS

Many Ambulances Were Put Into Service, and Emergency Hospital Was Established on Sidewalks.

(By the Associated Press.)

New York, July 6.—About 150 persons were overcome by smoke today when a northbound Jerome Avenue express on the East Side subway caught fire near Lexington Avenue and 61st Street. Dozens of ambulances were summoned from nearby hospitals in the city and Mayor Hylan arrived to direct rescue work.

The accident occurred about 75 feet underground. The fire started in the motorman's box after a fuse had blown out. There was a flash of flame and the smoke swept through the crowded train. When the emergency brakes were applied and the train was brought to a grinding halt, the guards threw open the doors and the passengers made an effort to escape. Those unable to walk were carried from the cars to the 59th Street station. Fire ladders also were dropped through the gratings at 61st Street and unconscious women were lifted to the street.

The injured were stretched out on the sidewalks for several blocks. A temporary hospital was organized, and four hundred ambulances were put into operation. The crowd of spectators became so dense that police rescuers had to be rushed to the scene.

Men, women and children filled the train. The guards attempted to fight the flames with hand extinguishers, but failed. When the firemen arrived, however, they succeeded in quickly quelling the blaze, which was small.

Three persons were so badly attacked by the gas that fear is felt for their lives. The train carried about 500 passengers and others received medical attention. The train heaved about 500 passengers.

Cure Epilepsy By Fasting.

Los Angeles, July 5.—"Epilepsy may be cured by fasting," according to the theory advanced by Dr. Hugh Conklin, speaking before the 26th annual convention of the American Osteopathic association now in session here. Epilepsy, according to Dr. Conklin, is caused by the improper functioning of certain glands in the bowels. By fasting a patient for 22 days, permitting the patient to take only water a cure may be effected he said.

Willard and Dempsey May Fight.

Wichita, Kans., July 6.—A bout between Jack Dempsey, world's heavyweight champion, and Jess Willard, former champion, is virtually assured before October 1, Ray Archer, Willard's manager, announced today after a conference here last night between Jack Kearns, Dempsey's manager and Frank Flourney, representative of Tex Rickard, New York promoter.

Anti-Racing Bill Fails to Pass Louisiana House.

Baton Rouge, July 6.—By a vote of 51 to 49, the Butler anti-racing bill today failed to pass the house of the Louisiana legislature. Sixty votes were required. The bill as passed by the senate would have abolished professional horse racing in this state. The legislature adjourns sine die tonight.

Child Christening.

Invitations as follows have been issued here: Mr. and Mrs. Francis D. Smith request the pleasure of your company at the christening of their daughter on Sunday afternoon, July the ninth at three o'clock at home, West Depot Street Concord, North Carolina.

New Low Record for German Marks.

New York, July 6.—The price of German marks which has been on the toboggan for several weeks, fell today to a new low record. One hundred marks were quoted in this market at between 22 cents and 22 1/4 cents. The normal or pre-war price of marks was 23.5 cents each.

To Combat Infant Mortality.

Paris, July 6.—An international congress of the League to Combat Infant Mortality assembled in Paris today with an attendance of medical men, sociologists and public officials from many of the principal countries of the world. The congress will continue its sessions for several days and will be addressed by a number of speakers of international note.

President Leaves for Washington. (By the Associated Press.)

Marion, Ohio, July 6.—President Harding left Marion at 10:30 a. m. today for Columbus on the first lap of his journey to Washington, after spending nearly three days among hon' folk and attending the centennial celebration of his home town.

Mrs. J. W. Cannon, Jr., has returned from a trip to Blowing Rock.