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MONKEY PICTURES

Amidst all the human monkeys and their monkey-shines and monkey business, it remains for Lawson Wood, artist extraordinary, to display a honest-to-goodness monkey—not the human kind—and show up his fine points to the queen's taste. Mr. Wood makes a specialty of these monkey paintings for a favorite magazine and while not particularly hankering after the inside pages, we always feel that the cover page should sell for a dime, instead of the whole business going for a nickel. The current number carries a work of art which the Sketch Man just can't get off his mind, and since there's nothing much for a column today, just has to tell about it.

A monkey with the side-whiskers generally attributed to a rural constable, is seen attempting to lasso a rabbit. One end of the lasso is tied about the flanks of the Billie and the monkey makes himself fast by wrapping his tail a couple of times about the short Southern extremity of the bucking beast. Instead of a six-shooter, which cowboys have commonly at the side, is a large ripe banana, crooked in the shape of a pistol, and conveniently located. At this point we go into a sort of convulsion, but when the look of the man-hunter on the monk's face, and the ridiculously nonchalant expression of the cotton-tail is taken into consideration, we feel kinda paralyzed.

A man who can do with the brush what Lawson Wood does, can do more to chase off for a moment than forty-seven legislatures can do to create them. Watch out for these extraordinarily funny pictures and don't accuse the Sketch Man of taking pay for this chatter, for there's not a chance of his ever being offered a single lousy penny.

HIGH SCHOOL HAS ENROLLED LARGE NUMBER STUDENTS

Registration Shows Slight Decrease from Last Year, But Standards of Institution Are Improved, According to Principal Hill. Economy Being Strictly Adhered to. New Faculty Members Listed.

Boone High School, at the end of the first week of the present session, had enrolled 266 pupils. Sixty-one of these were eighth graders, coming into the high school for the first time, fifteen were from other high schools and entered the ninth, tenth and eleventh grades, while the remainder were members of the high school last year. As compared with last year's enrollment for the corresponding time, this represents a decrease of thirty-three pupils. One reason for this decrease, states Principal Guy H. Hill, is the fact that only twenty-four pupils came to the institution this time from the Boone elementary school, while forty-nine were advanced last year.

The faculty this year is composed of Miss Grace Graybeal, Miss Annie Ruth German, Miss Laurie Stewart, Miss Lucille Allred of Rome, Ga.; Miss Thekla Wilson, Miss Louise Robles of Tampa, Fla., Mr. E. S. Christenbury, Mr. Charles Farthing, Mr. Claude Pyatte, Mr. Compton Crook of Moscow, Tenn., and Mr. Guy H. Hill, principal.

To Build Up Standards The Board of Education of Boone school district passed a resolution recently to the effect that they would endeavor to take advantage of the financial reverses in education and continue to build up the standards of the schools as far as possible. To this end they have sought to make the available funds purchase the most that could be purchased. Textbooks have been kept at a minimum in cost and have been handled by the pupils in the high school for high school pupils. Only twenty-four new textbooks have been ordered thus far, while Miss Jennie Coffey has furnished some of the pupils with books field over from last year's supply.

In the matter of supplies for operating the school, the board has caused the record forms and bluffs to be mimeographed in the principal's office at a saving of approximately \$85.00 to the taxpayers. Such supplies as chalk, erasers, brooms, floor oil and the like have been cut to the barest minimum. There are several smaller items of expense which have been eliminated from the budget, and yet the schools this year are trying to present as efficient a program as they ever have had in their history.

Trained Teaching Staff Principal Hill has the following to say regarding the selection of the present faculty:

"With respect to the employment of teachers, the board took the position that a demonstration or experimental school must be manned by technicians who have had superior training and experience. Teachers who hold positions in the training schools of Appalachian State Teachers College must be prepared by training and experi-

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Sees Balanced Budget



Postmaster General James Farley, in addressing the national convention of Young Democratic Clubs of America at Kansas City, said repeal of prohibition, now at hand, would lower taxes and make possible a balanced national budget.

STROKE IS FATAL TO MRS. HOLLER

Well Known Blowing Rock Lady Dies a Week after Paralytic Stroke. Funeral at Oak Grove Monday. Large Crowd Present.

Mrs. Richard Holler, 56 years old, died at her Blowing Rock home last Sunday, after an illness which began with a stroke of paralysis on the preceding Sunday. Consciousness returned to her at intervals after the stroke, but she never regained the powers of speech. She had been in ill health for many years.

Funeral services were conducted on Monday from the Oak Grove Church near Boone by Revs. Bob Shore, Ed Robbins and Sexton Buchanan and interment was at Greenview cemetery, where most of her family is buried. An unusually large crowd gathered to pay their respects. From Blowing Rock the procession numbered more than twenty-five automobiles, and indicated the esteem in which Mrs. Holler was held.

Surviving are the husband and nine children: McIver Holler, Blowing Rock; Mrs. Claude Teague, Blowing Rock; Jeff Holler, New River; Mrs. Ethel Coffey, Duke, Julia, Bina, North and Gladys Holler, all of whom reside at the parental home.

Mrs. Holler will be remembered as the former Miss Nettie Hayes, daughter of the late George W. Hayes of Boone, was born and reared in this community, and well known by citizens here. She was married to Richard Holler in 1900, and has made her home in the Blowing Rock section for the past twelve years.

She was a consistent member of the Sandy Flat Baptist Church, and until failing health prevented it, took an active part in religious endeavor. She was a kindly Christian lady, a faithful wife and mother, and was loved and admired throughout this section.

SENATOR BOB REYNOLDS SETS SAIL FOR THE SOVIET

Washington.—The problems of the "recognition of Russia and the control of liquor" have become of "such intense interest" to Senator Reynolds, of North Carolina, that he has decided to go to the seat of these questions and study them from first hand observation, according to his friends here.

With an open mind the Senator sailed last Thursday from New York and he will go into the Soviet Union and observe the doctrines of Stalin as they are practiced. He will concentrate his studies around Leningrad, Moscow and Odessa.

From Russia the Senator will go into Norway, Sweden and Denmark to study the methods of liquor control employed in those countries. Many students of the question have maintained that Denmark has the most perfect system of liquor control in the world, to say nothing of the most perfect agricultural marketing system.

After his study of the two questions which are interesting him at the moment, he will return October 31st and go straight to North Carolina and throw himself into the repeal campaign which ends November 7th. He hopes to have more to tell the people about liquor control, and more to tell the Senate about the recognition of Russia.

He is being accompanied on the trip by Mrs. Reynolds.

Mr. Jerry Brewer left Monday for Knoxville on a business trip. On his return he will be accompanied by Mrs. J. D. Rankin, who has been there on account of the illness of her daughter, Mrs. P. M. Rutherford, who, according to last advices, is considerably improved.

JUDGES NAMED TO HOLD PROHIBITION ELECTION LOCALLY

Chairman of Election Board Releases List of Those Who Will Be in Charge of Polls When Repeal Is the Issue. Old Registrars to Serve. Only One Day Is Allowed for Registration.

R. S. Swift, chairman of the Watauga County Board of Elections, has released a list of the judges which have been selected to serve in the election of November 7th, when voters of North Carolina will vote on the 21st amendment to the Constitution, repealing the Eighteenth, commonly known as the prohibition act. In accordance with the statute, one person generally known to be opposed to repeal and one generally known to favor it, together with the registrars who served in the last general election, will constitute the boards in the various precincts.

Following is the list of judges named. In each instance the first named is chosen for the repealists and the last for the prohibitionists:

- Bald Mountain: W. S. Davis and W. H. McGuire.
Beaver Dam: D. C. Hagaman and Spencer Warren.
Blowing Rock: Grady Greer and W. B. Hartley.
Elue Ridge: Sam Tate and George J. Keller.
Boone: L. L. Bingham and John W. Hodges.
Elk: John Johnson and C. C. Triplett.
Cove Creek: C. B. Moody and Marvin Thomas.
Meat Camp No. 1: B. F. Gross and C. C. Lewis.
Meat Camp No. 2: Jim McNeill and J. Q. Miller.
Laurel Creek: Ollis Mast and W. F. Winkler.
North Fork: John O. Potter and J. M. May.
Shawneehaw: George W. Caudill and W. C. Smith.
Stony Fork: W. S. Moretz and Russell Welborn.
Watauga: D. P. Wyte and C. A. Garland.

One Day for Registration

Mr. Swift particularly calls attention to the provisions of the statute as to registration. The books will be open only one day, on the second Saturday before the election, October 28. The registrars will keep the books open that day for the purpose of registering electors not already registered. The Saturday preceding the election on Tuesday is challenge day, the same being Saturday, November 4th, and the registrars will attend the polling places with their books for the purpose of challenging the voters on that day.

Absentee voting is prohibited in the prohibition election. There will be two kinds of ballots, a convention ballot and a delegate ballot.

Section 7 of the Repeal Act provides that delegates shall be nominated by getting a petition signed by two per cent. of the voters in the county according to the vote cast for Governor in the last election and the such petition with the County Board of Election thirty days before the election. Such petitions must be filed with the county board by midnight of Saturday, October 7, 1933, to be filed in time. Each petition must show whether the candidate is for or against repeal. If there are more petitions filed either for or against repeal, then such county is entitled to delegates, then the petitions containing the larger number of signatures, equal to the number of candidates which the county is entitled to have on both sides will be accepted and placed on the ballot.

No Repeal Delegate Named

There has been no candidate for repeal delegate named. W. W. Mast of Valle Crucis has been selected by the drys, but the repealists thus far seem to feel no particular urge to get into the campaign. However, the place on the ticket must be filled by October 7th.

The county dry organization is functioning, and C. A. Upchurch, formerly of the Anti-Saloon League, was scheduled for addresses in the county this week. No information of a repeal organization in this county has been brought forth.

Jarvis Greene Given Conditional Freedom

Jarvis Greene, Watauga County Recorder, convicted in April before the Recorder and sentenced to serve a term of twelve months on the county roads, was paroled last Friday, executive clemency being granted by the Governor after many recommendations had been received, including those from the trial judge and solicitor.

Mr. Greene returns home under the supervision of the Superintendent of Public Welfare, and under the condition that he remain of good behavior and engage in gainful employment.

Recovery Administration Uses A Lantern



The above photo is not one of Diogenes and his famous lantern. Instead, it is National Recovery Administrator, General Hugh S. Johnson, who after reviewing a night parade of NRA adherents at Washington, asked for a light to help in his speech making. The best that could be supplied was a lantern.

Judge Bowie Discusses Taxes At Mass Meeting

Tim C. Bowie, Ashe County lawyer and legislator, particularly known for his opposition during the last General Assembly to the sales tax, ran true to form Friday evening, when he addressed the voters of Watauga County on the tax situation in general, as obtains in the State of North Carolina. The auditorium was well filled and the volume of applause, when the "Lion of the Mountains" reached a climax, indicated that his delivery was well received. The former jurist came here on invitation of the Watauga County Unit of the Tax Association.

Mr. Bowie referred to the old days when governmental expenditures were not serious menaces to the balance of the family budget and blamed official extravagances for the fact that the citizens of North Carolina are this day having the roofs sold from over their heads to meet the ever-growing demands of State and county functions. Since the State is merely the people, declared the Ashe politician, a condition which takes away from the people their own firesides is State suicide.

Condition in Ashe Reviewed

Mr. Bowie told of the condition which had existed in Ashe County, that the people had voted bonds on themselves until they were unable to pay their taxes. To correct this condition, he said, he passed a bill through the last session of the Legislature providing that no further bonded indebtedness could be incurred by his people and that the county commissioners should levy a tax within the ability of the people to pay. Ashe county folks cannot pay more than \$50,000 per year, he stated. "We expect to give the bond-holders the remainder when other expenses are met," he declared, and added that if the buyers of the bonds wanted to take the matter to court, he would be "with them." He stated that his procedure had been regarded in certain quarters as repudiation, and in answer to the often-quoted phrase, "the State's credit must be saved," declared that it is infinitely important that the credit of the people be saved. This it is proposed to do in Ashe County.

Cites Personal Recollections

Mr. Bowie dwelt at length upon his efforts in the last Legislature to save the people from the "nightmares" of the sales tax, told of his work in drafting the appropriation bill, and said the newspapers denied him publicity on all matters except those they thought would hurt him. He pleaded for the election of men to the Legislature who would force reductions in State expenses, in the school system; and elsewhere, and said that solons should be men of honesty and integrity and men who themselves were taxpayers.

Mr. Bowie cited figures to show the tax bill of the State and said that one-sixth of the people are carrying the full load. He further deduced that on a per family basis, this load the taxpayers are carrying would amount to six thousand dollars per tax-paying family per year.

Mr. Bowie did not refer to the sales tax particularly often in his address, but was pleading for fair taxes and taxes the people could pay throughout the course of his vigorous deliverance.

Mrs. Floyd Palmer spent last week visiting friends in Charlotte.

TWO ARE HELD WHEN GIRL IS STRUCK BY PASSING AUTOMOBILE; SPENCER BLACKBURN TAKEN IN COURTROOM

Willard Church and Allen Blackburn were arraigned in Recorders Court Tuesday to answer charges growing out of injuries received by Miss Geneva Ray of Todd, who was struck by an automobile occupied by the defendants on the highway near her home last Sunday evening.

Miss Ray, it is stated, was walking along the highway on her return home from church, when she was struck by the vehicle, and reports indicate that she is in a serious condition, although detailed accounts of her injuries could not be secured. Solicitor Zimmerman asked that the case be continued pending the outcome of the young ladies injuries. The two men are out under bonds of \$1,200.

Spencer Blackburn, brother of one of the defendants, came to attend the trial, and was lodged in the county jail after word had come from Marshal Gragg's office to the effect that he was wanted on a charge of violating the Federal prohibition laws. He will be held, supposedly, until Federal prohibition laws. He will be held, supposedly, until Federal officers arrive.

Most of the day Tuesday was consumed in arguments over the cases of Cline Church. He was finally convicted of stealing a washtub and washboard, but filed notice of appeal to the Superior Court. On a second count, he was charged with the larceny of a rooster, and judgment was held open until the next session.

N R A COMMITTEE TO CANVASS THE TOWN OF BOONE

Local Organization Takes Steps to Make City 100 Per Cent Behind the President in Recovery Measure. Mayor J. F. Moore Named Chairman and Gordon Winkler, Secretary. Workers to Be Named.

The local National Recovery Administration organization, with J. F. Moore as chairman and Gordon Winkler as secretary, has announced that it will put on an intensive campaign, embracing every business and industry of the town and including all the workers and employees in line with authority of the national organization.

W. R. Lovill, M. B. Craven and T. E. Bingham compose the executive committee, and special committees have been appointed to find out just what each concern is doing to cooperate in the NRA program, and also to sign up consumers for their support of the members of the Blue Eagle organization.

Mrs. J. M. Moretz, working through a national ladies' organization, is furnishing a committee for the consumers pledge canvass. The idea of the committee is to make Boone a 100% town.

A more detailed plan, including the names of committee members, will be worked out and published next week.

MINTON FUNERAL IS HELD ON FRIDAY

E. G. Minton, Well Known Former Boone Citizen, Succumbs in Charlotte Hospital. Rev. E. C. Hodges in Charge of Obscures.

Funeral services were conducted from the Baptist Church on Friday afternoon for Edward G. Minton, 65, native of this community, who succumbed in a Charlotte hospital on Thursday morning, after a long illness. Rev. E. C. Hodges was in charge of the services and interment was in the city cemetery. A large crowd of friends and relatives gathered to pay their respects to the memory of the deceased.

Pallbearers were: Oscar Minton, Fred Minton, John Greene, Bedford Greene, Ralph Hartley and Robert W. Pulliam. Surviving are the widow and one daughter, Mrs. N. B. McCandler, of Mount Pleasant, N. C.; one sister, Mrs. Joe Hartley, of Hickory; three brothers, Newton, of Viles, Julius of Hickory and Avery of Hickory.

Deceased was a native of Watauga County, being the son of the late Richard Minton. For a number of years he had made his home at Mt. Pleasant. He was well and favorably known throughout this section and leaves a host of friends and relatives in Watauga County.

Rev. Leicester F. Kent To Leave Valle Crucis

Rev. Leicester F. Kent, rector of the Valle Crucis School for Girls, has accepted a call to Trinity Church, Shephardstown, West Virginia. Rev. Mr. Kent will begin his work in the historic parish of Shephardstown the early part of October. He will have the distinction of serving the oldest Episcopal Church in West Virginia, Shephardstown being the oldest town in that State. Mr. Kent will also be priest in charge of the Episcopal Church at Harper's Ferry, West Va.

In spite of the decrease in appropriation from the General Church Fund and the decrease in endowment funds, the Valle Crucis School has made progress during the four years that Mr. Kent has been in charge. He leaves the school free from debt and in readiness to begin another school year.

Prior to coming to Valle Crucis, Rev. Mr. Kent was archdeacon of the Yukon. While serving in that capacity, he traveled thousands of miles over the frozen Alaskan country by dogs and sleigh.

ELK PARK POSTMASTER SUCCEUMBS AT BANNER ELK

L. E. Norman, 50, postmaster at Elk Park, died in Grace Hospital at Banner Elk early Friday morning following an illness of several days, due to a cerebral hemorrhage. Norman lapsed into unconsciousness a few days before his death and did not rally at any time.

Norman was postmaster of Elk Park for twelve years and early this year had received a reappointment for another term of three years.

Final rites were held Sunday morning at 10 o'clock at the Elk Park Methodist Church with Rev. E. C. Price, pastor of the church, officiating. Members of the Masonic order were in charge of the rites at the cemetery.

WETS LEADING AS THREE STATES COUNT VOTES; SEVEN MORE NEEDED TO RATIFY

Following in the footsteps of Maine, which voted repeal by a wide margin Monday, Colorado, Maryland and Minnesota on Tuesday registered overwhelming sentiment against the Eighteenth Amendment and rounded out 29 states which ratify the repeal resolution. Thirty-six, or only seven more, are needed to end national prohibition. This cannot be done before November however.

Maryland dished out probably the most overwhelming opposition to the amendment when Baltimore went eleven to one for repeal, in Western Maryland, 4 to 1, and in the dry citadels of the eastern shore, probably 2 to 1. Early counts indicate the majority will be more than 150,000.

In Colorado, Denver reports a 6 to 1 repeal vote, while scattered returns from rural precincts indicate no less than 2 to 1. Idaho and New Mexico will ballot next Tuesday and Virginians go to the polls on October 3.