BOONE **SKETCHES**

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WE'RE BACK AGAIN!

Just a few days ago a great sorrow entered The Democrat office . and smiles were erased from the grimy faces of the "force," and solemn hap-penings took the place of those funny, useless ditties that always fill this column. Nosiree . . . we just didn't have the ambition to cast our eyes about for those choice little bits of baloney, those lucid little intervals that make life worth living fore we had no "Sketches" last week.

But the Good Lord figured out a plan way back in the beginning . . . that, regardless of death, life must go Democrat Shortens that regardless of tears smiles must break through the vale of sorrow like sunshine after the and heartbreak, man just has to put on a "face," throw his head between his shoulders . . . and laugh!

So "Sketches" will go on forever, just like the "Brook." There'll be tales of blushing maidens, and ha-rum-skarum skeiks, and officious cops, and pernicious liars, and baby dolls, and beggars, and poor folks that ride in limousines, and tramps that move on gasoline, and this and that an t'other. To borrow some poetry from a famous volume of fiction, we'll put it like this-

"The time has come, the walrus said To speak of many things, Of salling ships, and sealing wax, Of cabbages and kings."

BACK TO THE FARM

Clint Norris, who just a few menths ago were a badge like a can-top on the local police force and bristled with artillery as he flitted about preserving law and order and also "canning" offensive souses has joined the "back to the farm" movement. Down on Route 2, where the woodbine twineth and the woodchurck hollereth at eventide, he has builded for himself about the cutest little home a feller ever laid eye to, There's a pair of mules in a modern barn, perfectly matched, sleek and fat and full of pep...and mean, we guess. A saddle-horse named Tony, fast as a mountain zephyr and trim as his Kentucky forchears strats about in the bottom alongside the fattening cattle and sheep. A modern lighting plant has been

are fully wired. A spring as clear as crystal rushes from the mountainside, and forms a delightful pool near the home . . . good for a "chaser" and good for a drink. A diversity of crops are now being harvested by Mr. Norris . . . cabbage, potatoes, buckwheat, turnips, corn, and everything. An apple orchard on the hillside is loaded to the breaking point with ruddy fruit, and the good Missus has packed the and the good Missus has packed the celler full of choice canned fruit and vegetables. "You'd ought to be back on the police force," said a visiting friend. "Humph," retorted Clint, "do you s'pose a fellow would be fool enough to swap all of this for three jobs?" And we fully agreed with him. agreed with him.

DOING THEIR PART

and residential sections. It's Floyd dicting record-breaking deposits when Palmer delivering The Charlotte Ob- the doors do open for business. always on time, never late . . spring, summer, fall or win-ter. For the past two years Mr. Pelmer and his wife have handled the Observer agency in Boone, and dur-ing that period breakfast-readers have always had their papers. Leaving town at 1:30 in the morning the husband drives to Hickory, waits for a truck from the Queen City, gets his load at 4:00, and heads back toward the mountains. By 8:00 o'clock the two hundred or so morning editions have been delivered to local subscribers. During blizzerds, when the roads are all but blocked with snow and ice, Palmer makes his long drive, just the same; during thunderstorms and blinding rains, he brings the news, just as if it were nothing out of the usual. Mrs. Palmer solicits business and collects, just as regularly as the husband drives Adopting the code of the Pony Express, "the mail must go through, the Palmers have built up an unusual record of efficiency. Over a hundred miles each morning for two years, and always on time, is certainly not to be sneezed at!

Junior Order Has Large Membership in State

Members of the Junior Order, United American Mechanics in North Carolina now number 44,656, according to statistics are also all lines. A special progrem has been planned for the occasion. ing to statistics compiled by Sam F Vance of Kernersville, State council secretary. The number includes 1,044 members of 21 new councils organized during the past year.

The North Carolint State council ranks third in the United States from the standpoint of membership.

Juniors in this county number 42. the State secretary's report shows.

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Hours and Displays Blue Eagle Today

The Democrat this week goes to work under the blanket code of the National Recovery Administration. One employee has been added at a salary to conform with regulations and shortened hours of labor prevail for employees. Conditions have been met for two weeks but details of partial reorganization delayed displaying the Blue Eagle.

The Tuesday afternoon deadline on advertising will have to be re-verted to, so that publication on Wednesday may not be delayed, and organization proceedings, routine society events, etc., must be reported prior to the press-time rush. Incidentally, The Democrat will render just as full a measure of service to the public as heretofore.

BANK OPENING IS BEING SPEEDED BY OFFICIALS

Stockholders Assessments Being Rap-idly Arranged, Notes Being Renewed and Interest and Part of The cover charge is small and it Principal Paid Manifold Details is to be distinctly understood that

closes that the reorganization ma-

and that he ond other officials are hopeful of an early opening. While ofwords, the feeling is that the opening date may not be delayed longer than the middle of the month.

Mr. Hagaman states that the greater part of the stock assessments have already been paid, and that others are taking care of their obligations in rapid fire order, notes are being renewed, payments made and that things look good. The bank force is working diligently on the intricate bookkeeping incidental to the reor-ganization of the bank and those depositors who have not done so are urged to bring in their savings and time certificates for conversion into preferred stock, according to the terms of the reorganization document. Talk about town indicates that the

Every morning about six o'clock take on a festive air in Boone. Folks an automobile rushes into town and are ready to resume their business makes a quick round of the business connections there, and many are pre-

woods in great numbers these frosty mornings in quest of the frisky little creatures, and the well filled bags which accompany them on their return indicate that game is more plentiful this year. Ten aquirrels may be taken in any one day and many local sportsmen report having shot the legal limit

County Warden Farthing reports that sales of hunting licenses are exceeding all former years, due in large measure to the fact that shooting privileges this year cost only 60 cents as compared to \$1.25 formerly.

HOMECOMING DAY PLANNED

Appalachian State Teachers College. It is learned from Dr. Dougherty that all former students of the institution are invited to come back at that time, mingle together, renew old friendships, make new acquaintance, and observe the progress that the college

INFANT SON DEAD

old son of Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe were to have been conducted Tuesgrave was banked with flowers.

SMATHERS WILL HOLD FISH FRY WITHOUT PROFIT

uperintendent of Rutherwood Hatch ery Froposes Enjoyable Outing Sole-ly For Fun There Is in It. If Ex-penses Are Exceeded Balance Will Go to Stock Streams, Wardens Are Asked to Co-operate.

There will be another old-time fish fry and get-together meeting at the Rutherwood Fish Hatchery on Friday evening, the 13th, according to announcement made Monday by Su-perintendent Charles E. Smathers, and the affair wil differ from the former ones, only in that this time there is nothing in prospect for the promoters, save the fun they are sure to have. A charge is being made for each guest, designed solely to take care of the actual expense incurred, and should there be by some hook or crook, a little money left, Mr. Smathers will buy fish food, with which to feed fingerlings, later to be impaled on the hooks of local sportsmen.

Mr. Smathers states that fried trout will be the piece de resistance of the outdoor nanquet, and there will be cole sing another retained.

be cole slaw aplenty, potatoes and all things which are catalogued as fin-ishing touches. The event will get under way at 6 o'clock, and all those preparing to come are warned that they must notify Mr. Smathers, Game Warden H. Grady Farthing or The Democrat office as to how many are to be expected from the various communities, so that adequate prepara-tion may be made. It is very important that Mr. Smathers may know the number of his guests no later than the tenth. Deputy Game Wardens are asked by Mr. Farthing to report as nearly as possible those making plans to come from over the county.

Worked Out and Institution Should there will be no personal gain. A

DIES AT AGE OF 85

Sister of Late Spencer Blackburn Succumbs at Laxon Home, Dr. T. C. Backbern Only Remaining Member Prominent Family.

Mrs. W. M. Biackburn, 85 years old, passed away at her home in the Laxmities of her great age.

Funeral services were conducted from the Fairview Methodist Church Monday, Revs. Levi Greene, Winkler and Smith each taking a part in the last rites. The church auditorium was filled with relatives and friends of the well-known lady, and the floral offering was described as being the largest known in that community. Interment was in the nearby cemetery.

Deceased was before her marriage Miss Martha Blackburn, and was a sister of the late Congressman Spen cer Blackburn and Manley Blackburn, and was born and lived her long life Eminent Speakers To Appear Gains the Spotlight in this county. The only remaining member of the immediate family which had so distinguished itsert is Dr. last Sunday, and those who love the T. C. Blackburn, prominent Hickory great outdoors are taking to the physician, who was present at the

Mrs. Blackburn was well known especially to the older folks throughout this section, was a prominent churchwoman, a kind and neighborly lady and had many friends.

Surviving besides the husband are two children, Mesdames W. M. Dav and Sherman Brown.

Closes Repair Shops

The Smith Motor Sales of Lenoir, who own the Ford agency for Watau-Saturday, October 21st, has been ga County and who have been conducting a garage business in Boone,
with Mr. Stevenson Friday evening addresses by the eminent visitors, reurged to attend. lesignated as home-coming day at have moved back to Lenoir. They will service cars sold in this territory from their shops there, however, where they are better equipped. They will also continue to solicit sales for new cars in this territory, and attention is lished today.

REMODELS STORE

ments.

Washington Moundsmen in World Series Play



Above are the four pitchers that American Legaue fans are banking on to hurl the Washington Senators to the world championship in the Series now under way with the New York Gients of the National League. Washington dropped the first game Tuesday by the score of 2-4, and were far behind in the second encounter this (Wednesday) afternoon.

The cover charge is small and it NRA Workers Say Boone While officials are unprepared to suggest the exact date when the Watauga County Bank will open its doors for business, an interview will be a large crowd of guests from over several counties. There will be no personal gain. A good time, good music, perhaps some talks by visitors, and plenty to eat out in the open will be the high spots of the gathering, and judging by past functions of the same kind, there will be a large crowd of guests from over several counties.

The local NRA committee comhouses of the town last week, and according to information coming from Mayor Moore, the leaders in the recovery movement in this city are gratified with the spirit of cooperation which is being manifested. It is stated that most of the business houses of the city signed up in some way, but it is frankly admitted that some conditions of procedure were set out in the questionnaires not thought to be in line with the Administration's pur-

A number of employers agreed to write General Johnson letters setting forth in detail the conditions under which they are operating that he may in turn send them a digest of their cases and issue working instructions.

NO FIGURES ON EMPLOYMENT Employers questioned in Boone, with but few exceptions, failed to state just what had been done in regard to providing additional jobs in their establishments, and accord-

ficers for the ensuing year.

when Charles S. Stevenson takes over Cushing.

cer, Lionel Ward; guardianship offi- this year.

the commandership of the local post,

and Mrs. W. R. Absher of North

stalling officer for the Auxiliary.

ingly it is impossible to state how payrolls as a result of the recevery movement. However, a few men have gained amployment, it is stated.

The consumers campaign has not as yet been completed, but this important phase of the work is expected to be finished by the end of the week.

ASK BUYING CAMPAIGN

Mr. Moore in a final appeal to the people to make their business conform to code practices, urges that Boone merchants encourage the retail buying campaign which is to begin all over the country next week. Business people are asked to get together and adver-tise a week of special sales at bar-gain prices to stimulate retailing, and word from the local newspaper and individual merchants is to the effect that the annual fall bargain carnival is to be combined with the NRA campaign and that announcement is expected to be made through The Democrat next week.

Farthing; employment officer, B. K.

Professor Chisholm and Mrs. Ab-

sher will bring messages of especial

SATURDAY LAST DAY CANDIDATES IN REPEAL VOTING

\$1.50 PER YEAR

Repealists Have Not Proposed Candidate for Watauga Thus Far. Drys Have Nominated W. W. Mast to Lead Their Forces. No Petitions Have Reached Election Board, Sch timent May Indicate Dry Victory.

Saturday marks the last day pos-sible for an elector to make of himself a candidate for or against re-peal of the Eighteenth Amendment, and in Watauga County the Election Board has as yet received no petitions nominating either a wet or dry candidate, although petitions are being circulated for W. W. Mast, prominent Valle Crucis citizen. No other man seeks either candidacy so far as is known, and there is no information as to whether or not the repealists will have a name on the ballot.

According to the special statute, candidacies must be filed thirty days before the election and must be supported by petitions bearing signa-tures equal to two per cent. of the vote cast in the last gubernatorial election.

Sentiment in this section is generally regarded as dry, and there has been no organized effort made by repealists so far as is known. The campaign from the so-called wet point of view is said to be predestined to be without enthusiasm if, indeed, there is such a campaign.

Dry Meetings Are Arranged for Sunday

Clyde R. Greene, chairman of the publicity committee for the United Dry Forces in this county, has re-leased the following schedules of pro-hibition meetings which are to be

held next Sunday:

M. Vernon Church, 2:30 p. m.

Messrs. W. R. Lovill and T. E. Bingham will deliver addresses.

Elk Knob Church at 2:30 p. m.

Speakers, W. F. Miller and Eubert Rolshouser

Mt. Ephriam Church, 3:00 p. m. Rev. W. C. Greene and M. H. Norris

Mr. Greene states that these meetings thus far have been well attendhundred gathering in outlying com-munities to listen to the detense of the national prohibition laws.

SEVEN ADDED TO JUNIOR ROSTER

Junior Order Holds Enthusiastic Meeting Monday Evening, When Class Is Initiated. Fifty-three Members of Local Council.

The membership of Dantel Boone Council 129, Junior Order, was increased by seven at the regular meeting in Legion Hall Monday evening. thus bringing the total number of

Juniors locally to fifty-three. John E. Smith and Linney Walker came in by reinstatement, and Messrs Jerry Brewer, Owen Wilson, Charles C. Rogers, Will H. Jones and Dell Richardson were initiated when the Burkemont Council at Morganton sent their degree team to confer the fraternal rites. Local Juniors were delighted to receive the visiting brethren at this time and congratulations were extended as to the impressive manner in which they confer the degrees. The meeting was attended by a large majority of local members and visitors were received from Granfather and Eseeola councils.

Mr. Chisholm will also be in Osborne; membership chairman, Raiph Messrs. Leslie Wellman, Roy Wellman, Logan, McFadden, Hennessee, Branch, Mitchell, Brittain, Franklin, Littlejohn, Stroup, Hern and Corpen-

The next regular meeting of the the Legion Auxiliary, will be the in- bers, and retiring commander Raiph local Council is to be held in the Mr. Stevenson was elected Post ship be present Friday at 7:30 for a helpful get-together meeting. In adplications are said to be on file and different created by the Greer insists that the full membercers elected, and who will be installed change in the official roster, and the several candidates will be initiated

jutant, Walter C. Greene; finance of be provided, and the meeting will be SEVENTY COMPENSATION CASES TO BE HEARD IN OCT.

Raleigh.- Seventy workmen's comensation cases, six of them involving deaths of workers, are on the calendar to be heard during the next three weeks in Piedmont and Western North Carolina before Industrial Commissioner T. A. Wilson.

During the first week Mr. Wilson will hear two cases in Newton, one two each in Robbinsville and Murphy. His calendar for the third week includes one in Boone, the case of Jake Ollis vs. Fanning and Furr, and will be heard October 12 at 9 a. m.

called to their announcement pub- TWO SERIOUSLY INJURED IN COLLISION ON BRUSHY FORK LATE SUNDAY NIGHT

As Legion Officials Installed

Professor Chisholm of Crossnore, cer. Spencer Miller; sergeant at arms the new Seventeenth District com-mander, will deliver an address Fri-Norris; historian, A. R. Smith; ath-

day evening, when members of Wa- letic officer, McCoy Bingham; Ameri-

Legion Auxiliary gather to install of- graves registration officer, H. Grady

charge of the installation ceremonies G. Greer; publicity officer, Thomas

Wilkestoro, State president-elect of interest to Legion and Auxiliary mem-

are: Vice-commander, C. W. Teal; freshments will be served, music will

James T. Gross; service offi- the high spot in Legion activities for

tauga Post American Legion and canism officer, Chrales L.

Mr. Roy Keplar, of Keplar's Style
Shoppe, has Mark Holselaw, wellknown contractor in charge of me. George Grady Brown, three-days- known contractor, in charge of re- Arthur Hartley, collided on Brushy received only minor cuts and bruises. modeling his establishment. The place Fork late Sunday night, and the first Names of the other passengers were Brown, died at the home near Boone is being enlarged, and the popular named is now under the care of a unavailable, and details as to the Rutherfordton and Brevard, four in Monday evening. Funeral services tints, new mirrors, equipment, etc., Charlotte bone specialist, with fears cause of the wreck are now known, were to have been conducted Tues- are being added, the shoe department that a crushed arm may have to be it is stated, however, that the autoday and burial was at the Howard's is being enalrged, and the popular amputated. He suffered severe cuts mobile was demolished. Creek cemetery. Many friends of the dry goods emporium will represent otherwise, and Tommie Eller, son of the Hartley boys are sons of Mr. sorrowing parents gathered and the the acme in modern retail establishis in Caldwell Hospital at Lenoir with River section.

Charlotte bone specialist, with fears cause of the wreck are now known. Franklin, three in Bryson City and