

BOONE SKETCHES

By J. C. R.

BOB AND HIS PLEBS

sia and now in the midst of a mile-ropic interviewed him in his cell in a-minute speaking tour for repeal of the bastile of the neighboring counthe Eighteenth Amendment, sat at ty. Since Lewis failed to tell The a table in a local restaurant Tues- Democrat any details of what he reday partaking of good old American membered to have ham and telling his friends how principal portion of Mr. Wilson's stothings look on tother side of the ry is published: globe. By his talk, the bystander pride and joy cares not a little bit for the "land of whiskers." Pausing between bites, the Senator and shoulder," but said be the between bites, the Senator addressed his companious something like this: Boys, I don't like Russia; I don't like Russian vittles; I don't like the Russian language; I could never be a Communist; I don't want to be anything but just a plain, ordinary North Carolina Democrat; I'll swear to you that I wouldn't trade your beautiful little county of Watauga for the entire Soviet Union. I visited many Russian cities, conversed with high officials, and mingled with common people, and during that tour of many hundreds of miles I failed to find one single unemployed worker, neither did I find one hungry individual, and, furthermore, not a drunk man did my eyes behold from the time I left Man- key during the late part of the day, hattan until I was again within the and further that the filling station shadow of the Goddess of Liberty, housed 25 pints of liquor belonging Prosperity in a mis-managed, mis-governed country," smiled Bob, "and self." crime, poverty and economic chaos in our own perfectly-governed America.

Leaving the restaurant Senator Reynelds linked arms with a grin-ning taxt-driver and a grimy printer, and ambled along up Main Street. A couple of normy-fished farmers followed close behind, and chuckled 'merrily as "their Boh" told 'em of his adventures abroad; of hob-nobbing with dukes and princes and barons and stuff; of feasting on "gooey" conglomerations at glittering banquet tables; of war-debts and recognition of Red Russia and the "New Deal." Just like a neighbor boy returned from the big city . . . and the folks who surrounded him were plenty glad to have him back.

A deposed Democratic dictator, raw as a piece of beefsteak and mad was drawn into a sarcastic smile. An appraisers. ingocent looker-on heard the diagruntled politician mumble a bellicose challenge to the beaming solon's con-

But Bob Reynolds doesn't care a bit what the gentleman thinks, and the taxi-driver and the printer and the farmers go about their duties in an undisturbed manner just as if the remarks had never been made . . . and thank the Good Lord every now and then that Senate or no Senate, honor or no honor, glory or no glory—Bob Deynolds holds on to the "comm touch" like grim death to a skeleton! And everybody should remember that a man doesn't destroy him-self, politically or otherwise, as long as he sticks to his friends!

PAGE THE POPE, WATSON! Just to prove that there's a nigger harking in the "repeal woodpile," a brother editor down in the flat country puts the following question right dab up to his readers:

'Are the majority of people in North Carolina going to let James Farley, wet Catholic postmaster general, dictate to them as to how they must vote on any question, especially a moral one?

FARM NOTES

Corn that was damaged by worms now in perfect condition for feed-

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HE THINKS OFFICER SHOT POLICE CHIEF

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Boone Boy la Interview with Lennis Paper. Tells Story of Tragedy. Says He Shot in Self-Defense and Shows Bullet Wound Received in Affair at Blue Goose, "They Ought Not to Have Rushed Me," Says Prisoner.

Rufe Lewis, held in Caldwell Counly jail on a charge of the fatal shooting of Hill Hagaman, Boone policeman, gave out his first comprehen Senator Bob Reynolds, recently re-turned from a tour of Soviet Rus-Louis H. Wilson of the Lenoir News-

> He said he would enter a plea of Farthing, a Watauga County deputy sheriff, shot him in the back."

Chief Hagaman, who died October 10th from wounds allegedly inflicted by Lewis' 32 automatic Coit, was raiding the Blue Goose filling station in Boone for whiskey when he met his death. He was accompanied by Albert Farthing, a deputy.

Young Lewis was told that his Prominent Cove Creek Citizen Succounty citizens were saying that he wasn't sorry for Hagaman's death. "There's nothing to that," he said. "I thought I shot in self-defense and I am sorry he's dead."

He admitted being drunk and having drank a pint and a half of whis-

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Charles G. Hodges of Boone, Route 2, who for thirty years has taught alternately in the schools of the mountains and the lowlands, her been appointed general field manager for the Salisoury branch of the Federal Land Bank, and his commission arrived Thursday. Mr. Hodges has been working temporarily for three weeks as the devil at everybody, leaned sul-lenly against a telephone pole as Sen in the Piedmont section most of the lenly against a telephone pole as Senin the Piedmont section most of the
ator Bob and his proletariat admirtime. The appointment is indefinite,
of Watauga County, gathered at the
mean business, he said, and have the ers made their way to a waiting car. and the work calls for the super-His brows were arched and his mouth vision of groups of from six to ten

Abram Potter Passes

Abram Potter, 85 years of age, dled Oty Funeral services were conducted on the following Sunday and interment took place in the Maine graveyard. A large crowd of friends and relatives were present to pay their last respects to their aged neigh-

Mr. Potter won born and reared in the Tamarack section and was well and favorably known through out the county. He was a consistent church member, having joined the Baptist denomination during his youth. "Uncle Abe," as he was called by most everyone, was a good neighbor, and was never known to speak harm of his acquaintances. He was an apt Bible student, and perhaps read the Scriptures more often than

anyone in his community. He was married to Miss Selina Phillips, of Wilkes County, in 1873, A. Shaver of Stanly County and is and a large number of grandchildren. dren: Mrs. General Maine and John-Eastern Carolina cotton growers nie Potter of Tamarack; Mrs. Enoch report the crop being practically Potter of Meat Camp; Mrs. Martin picked out at this time. The growers Potter of Jenkins, Ky.; Mrs. Omie are picking, ginning and selling as Martin of Lodi, Va.; Mrs. Jake Potust as the crop opens.

ter of Butler, Tenn.; Mrs. David MarGood yields of Korean lespedeza tin and Clarence Potter of Shouns, sions of a subcommittee of the Ways his life Mr. Goforth was employed host of friends throughout the county are reported in Alexander County, Tenn; Ira Potter of Ashland; Mrs. and Means Committee of which he as a fertilizer salesman and while en- will hear of her death with genuine Lee Roy Preslar says he secured 254 Monroe Ward, of Rominger, and is chairman, preparing the revenue gaged in this work became acquaint-bales of hay from less than five Leonard Potter, of Morganton. Mrs. bill for consideration of Congress ed with numbers of farmers in Wa-Potter died nine years ago.

RUFE LEWIS SAYS Bridegroom Of One Day Meets Death At Hand Of Jealous Rival In Love

Don Wallace, resident of North Fork Township who on last Saturday took to himself a bride, Tuesday left a widow, when he expired in an Elizabethton Hespital from the effects of a bullet fired point blank into the abdomen, allegedily by Ferd Wilson, 25, neighbor.

The shoeting which occurred on

Sunday evening in the neighborhood in which both roung men lived, is believed by officers to have been a result of jealousies existing be tween the two on account of the young lady, who twenty-four hours previous the dead man had premised to love, honor and cherish. The tragedy took place, it is said, near the Tennessee line, and from reports The Democrat is able to gather, no word was spoken as a pre-lude to the shooting.

W. Y. PERRY DIES

THURSDAY; FOR 40

cumbs to Brief Illness; Career Cen-

tered About Church Work and the

Large High School. Funeral Serv

William Y. Perry, 63 years of age,

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ices Are Conducted Friday.

Schoolroom. One of Founders of

Wallace is said to have been conversing with a man named Potter, when Wilson is alleged to have walked up, silent and deliberate, and fired the fatal bullet into the abdomen of deceased. The missile passed through the liver and death occurred two days afterwards.

Officers from Boone searched the countryside for the fugitive, but up until Wednesday noon, he had not been apprehended and there were no clues as to his whereabouts.

Wilson is about twenty-five years old and the son of Roby Wilson. Both he and Wallace come from Watauga families and are known in the western part of the

No details as to the funeral of the dead man were available.

JONAS, LOVILL TO FEATURE COUNTY YEARS A TEACHER

Former Congressman and State Sen-ator to Be Trincipal Speakers as Stage Final Round-up in County-wide Rally, Seven Community Speakings Announced for the Closing Days of Dry Campaign.

Charles A. Jonas, former Congress

children, Thelma, Maude, Don, Grady paign. The county is being widely and John, all of whom reside in the advertised and canvassed and it is

Rev. Armburst Speak As War Declared Against Lawlesness

vision of groups of from six to ten dress by Rev. J. H. Armburst, of North Wilkesboro, and to subsequent.

Mr. Hodges received the second appointment in Watanga County under the present administration, R. L. Clay as the one which the visiting ministration of a Wilkes man at the execution of a Wilkes man at the way and David L. challenge to the beaming solon's congeniality, something like this: "Imagine a United States Senator walking up street with a bunch like that what would Vance or Ransom think of such an outlandish performance?" Why the blinkety-blank**blank nincompoon ought to be deposed . . he's destroying the dignity of the office!"

The present administration, R. L. Clay as the one which the visiting ministration and stell that his belief in capital punishment had not abate the visiting ministration and stell that his belief in capital punishment had not abate the as a result, and that such a crimical was entitled to no mercy. He said this organization had no political arbitration by the day of the discussion of the crime wave which is some citizen and is receiving the day of the office. The present administration of the discussion of the crime wave which is organization had no political arbitration of the day of the day of the office. The presen came through Congressman Dough-solld front against the violation of ton's office, is largely in appreciation the laws of the land. He referred in the outset to the slaying of Chief Hill Hagaman, and cited the tragedy as sufficient incentive to Watauga citizens to organize themselves At Tamarack Home against the common enemy of lawessness. The speaker then went into the organization which he helped to at his home at Tamarack on October found in Wilkes and asserted that of a horrible record of crime-thirteen men had been murdered within

> murder was committed. Only one murder has occurred in Wilkes since the formation of the or-

A representative crowd, composed ganization, said Mr. Armburst, and jorities in most sections. of Watauga County, gathered at the mean business, he said, and have the not speak in Boone, saying that he courthouse Monday to hear an ad-

While stating that he had no pur pose of making a prohibition speech the minister expressed the belief that when the flood gates of whiskey are turned loose, there will be such a wave of crime and lawlessness as this refrained from calling names but stated that a jurist who would announce breakers, while the law still existed. twelve months, and that while his he took when he went into office. mass meeting was being held a foul

Discussing briefly the beer situation Rev. Armburst brought figures from his home town police

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Congressman Doughton Condition of A. S. Harris Will Vote for Repeal

Washington.-Declaring that proposed to vote for repeal of the 18th amendment at the North Carolina election November 7th, Representative R. L. Doughton, who came to Washington Tuesday, said that but press time information is to the he would issue a statement on the effect that the condition of the popprohibition issue soon. "I will vote and drouth was cut for silage by C. and was the father of eleven children for repeal, but do not want to be put here await further information with in the attitude of trying to influence anyone on the question. It should be understood that this is not a ref-G. M. GOFORTH DIES erendum on repeal, but simply leaving the matter so that each State

> the liquor question." which meets in January.

Is Pronounced Serious

Mr. A. S. Harris, manager of the Spainhour Store is a patient at a Statesville hospital where Sunday ev ening he underwent an appendix operation. His condition following the operation was said to be satisfactory

may decide what it wants to do on tauga County. Pays Visit to Boo



SENATOR BOB REYNOLDS

REYNOLDS CITES **NEED INFLATION**

Junior Senator Visits Briefly in Boone Tuesday as He Makes Hurried Tour for Prohibition Repeal. Says Little Folks Should Be Aided.

Senator Robert R. Reynolds spent the noon hour in Boone Tuesday, shaking hands with a group of friends snaking hands with a group of friends and briefly discussing national issues, before leaving on the next lap of his whirlwind campaign for repeat of national prohibition. He spoke in Sparta that afternoon at 2:30. Sparta that afternoon at 2:30.

and one of the foremost citizens of man and wheel-horse in the Repub- sort must eventually come. The high quently bought, each place is now the Cove Creek section, died at his lican organization in North Carolina, lords of hig finance are against any paying good returns on the investand further that the filling station the Cove Creek section, died at his ucan organization in North Carolina, lords of big linance are against any housed 25 pints of liquor belonging home last Thursday evening, after an and W. R. Levill, Democratic law-inflationary move—they have the lilness which had not appeared serious yer of Boone, former State Senator money and naturally don't want it self."

The coverage of the coverage of the lines which had not appeared serious although he had missed going to his and aggressive partisan, will puff cheapened—but the farmer and small praisal is worth today six thousand home. although he had missed going to his and aggressive partisan, will puff cheapened—but the tarmer and small work as teacher in the Cove Creek at the peace pipe of political agree-high School for a few days. Reports ment, and furnish the oratory at a are that his condition was such that county-wide dry rally to be held in money. Ninety-five per cent, of the no particular anxiety was felt, and the courthouse in Boone, Friday, Nothat the had talked to a neighbor over vember 3rd, at 7:30 p. m. the telephone a few minutes before. Clyde R. Greene, publicity chair-death care. home owner deserve a chance to pay dollars more than is invested therein.

Good Place for Money money. Ninety-five per cent of the

uphold many of the principles of the Soviet Union, and when questioned on the repeal situation in North Carolina, declined to make an estimate as to the extent of the wet mejority.

He stated that the drys were saily because you must be paid by the first of the year.

"There is no excuse for losing monoclina, declined to make an estimate as to the extent of the wet mejority.

expected them to register repeal ma- in this home-owning institution.

He expressed regret that he could Prowlers Enter Store at

Merchants Pleased With Progress of Buy Now Campaign. All Business Houses Report Increase, and Streets Are Thronged.

Boone's Third Annual Bargain Carnival, conducted this year in connection with the Buy Now Compaign of the NRA was the most decided success in the history of the annual merwas operating contrary to the oath all reatilers interviewed the first of chandising event, in the opinion of the week. Many reported sales for the week ahead of holiday business in late years, and there was a general reviva 1 of buying.

showers didn't dampen the ardor of (Please turn to Page 8)

Mrs. Holden Davis Dies

Meager information reaching The ular merchant is serious. His friends there the last of the week at an adhere that she met Mr. Holshouser. vanced age, and following an illness of many years. No funeral details Mrs. W. L. Holshouser of Blowing could be learned.

Mrs. Davis was the former Miss George Mitchell Goforth, aged 80, Ellen Mast, a member of one of the several years. He is well and favorformer county agent and prominent county's most prominent families. In ably known throughout this section Caldwell citizen, died at his home in her active years she took a leading of the State. Lenoir Saturday and funeral was held part in church affairs, and was known

> Surviving is the aged husband and several children.

DIRECTORS HEAR FINE REPORT OF B. AND L. SUCCESS

\$1.50 PER YEAR

Auditor from State Insurance Department Submits Report Friday, Says Local Association in Fine Shape, and Has Earned Considerably More Than Average. In Position to Set Aside Fund to Meet Emergencies.

James W. Hill, auditor for the State Insurance Department, was present at the Friday evening meeting of the directors of the Watauga Building and Loan Association, and in submitting the report of his complete audit of the affairs of the institution, took occasion to commend the directors and secretary for the fine menner in which the local Association has been

Mr. Hill especially complimented the secretary, W. H. Gragg, and Mrs. Carrie Horton Bingham for the ex-cellent condition of the books, and explained the audit item by item, as different members of the directorate had their queries promptly and

satisfactorily answered. Cites Large Earnings Mr. Hill pointed out that the audit indicated a five and three-quarter per cent. earning over the past year on stock in the association which he described as being far ahead of the

parta that afternoon at 2:30.

"The New Deal is going good," said in case of some contingency.

He also cited as an exceptional exthe genial Bob when questioned by ample of business acumen, that of The Democrat, "but I am inclined to seventeen pieces of property which The Democrat, "but I am inclined to the opinion that inflation of some seventeen pieces of property which the Association had sold and subsecting the Association and sold and subsection that inflation of some the Association had sold and subsection that the Association the Association that the Assoc

common people are living under mort-gages, continued "Our Bos," and they directors, if it exists, took occasion death came.

Funeral services were conducted from the Cove Creek Baptist Church in Cove Creek Baptist Church in the Cove Creek Bapti

> He stated that the drys were sadiy place to put money. 'In closing the mistaken when they claimed advan- auditor advised consistent advertistage in rural sections. "The country ing to even better acquaint the penman is the best informed citizen we ple of this section as to the benefits have," he said, and added that he they may derive from being partners

Blowing Rock Sunday

H. C. Hayes, prominent Blowing Rock merchant, lost about twentyfive dollars in merchandise change, when unknown parties en-tered his store Sunday night. Entrance was gained by boring a hole through a window sash at the rear of the building, and removing a stick which held the lower sash down. The window was then raised and an exit was made by unfastening the front door from within. Mr. Hayes had left only small

change in his cash drawer and no merchandise seemed to have been moested save a number of flash light batteries. A son-in-law, Mr. Robert Hardin, and his wife were living in an adjoining apartment, but did not hear the intruders.

Bloodhounds were brought to the scene, but failed to follow the trail any distance, indicating that the robbers had entered a waiting automo-

Miss Dayvault Becomes Bride of Mr. Holshouser

At the close of the event Saturday A wedding of unusual interest in this section took place in Concord on passage was difficult and intermittent last Saturday when Miss Dessie Virginia Dayvault of that city became the crowd which assembled in front the bride of Mr. Eubert Holshouser of Boone.

Mrs. Holshouser is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Dayvault and is extremely popular with a wide cir-Following Long Illness cle of friends throughout the State, and was formerly a student at the Appalachian State Teachers College Democrat says that Mrs. Holden Da- here, where she acquired a large cirvis of the Silverstone community, died cle of friends. It was while a student

Mr. Holshouser is a son of Mr. and Rock and has been one of the most successful attorneys in this city for

Mr. and Mrs. Holshouser will make their home in Boone.

Mr. and Mrs. K. E. Sherrill and Miss Katherine Bowling, of Lowell, N. C., spent the past week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Pete Justus.