

BOONE SKETCHES

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SPEAKING OF CHEESE

Owen Wilson, ambassador extraordinary of the Smithey Chain and incidentally manager of the local branch, has an eye for publicity... particularly that brand dished out by Watauga's one and only newspaper. In last week's Sketch column appeared a brief—perhaps overdrawn—ditty concerning five lads who allegedly had walked a dozen or so miles for a few penny bars of candy. Brother Wilson, who according to reliable information does NOT belong to the "Tall Story Club," rushed to The Democrat office immediately with a "cheese yarn" freshly unwound from his trusty typewriter. Here it is, without written guarantee:

The other day five fellows were standing in front of Smithey's store discussing among themselves what they would buy for dinner. One of Smithey's clerks walked out to help them figure out their problem, and suggested to them that they could buy a whole pound 1/2 cheese for 5 cents, which they did, having enough for the five of them. There is nothing to this except that these five people came clear from Potter Town to get them a good dinner off'n cheese.

So there you are... an' we don't know yet whether they got a pound or just a half-pound... whether there were free crackers in the "jitney" deal, or if the customers took their cheese straight. When the author turned his copy over to the editor, an inquisitive bystander, whose ears had feasted on the yarn, blurted out "that a blankety-blank... fairy story!" To which Mr. Wilson replied, "So was the candy tale, blah!" Fight it out, boys!

AN ORCHID TO YOU, JAMES!

An elongated blonde... blue-eyed, baby-faced, and as swank as a Cotnam night-club hostess... took from her little bag a little mirror, dabbed a little rouge on a cute little mouth... and carefully arranged a hellishly attractive coiffure. Curly, as fluffy and nice as you please, ranged hither and yon on railway's head, and waves calculated to cause sea-sickness for a landlubber were creased in the silken strands with exquisite care. A passing lady nuzzled. In view with righteous envy the marvellous effect, and excitedly inquired: "Where one earth did you get that marcel... what beauty parlor does your work?" And the marcelled lady tilted her nose as she replied: "Beauty parlor? Shux! Jim Carter done that!" Thus Boone's "extinguished" artist in burnt clay takes up a more elevated profession!

PHYSICAL HANDICAPS!

A lanky individual, bearing a dejected sort of countenance, made his appearance at the local re-employment office the other day... and he, like hundreds of others, just had to have a job. An obliging clerk produced a registration card, took the applicant's name, age, sex and color, jotting down the answers to dozens of apparently useless questions. The lanky one fidgeted about in his patched brogans as the interrogating official proceeded with the examination, searching his puzzled brain for coherent replies. "Any physical handicaps?" queried the clerk. And the answer came... like the eruption of a long-dormant volcano: "I says I has... a wife, six children, a son-in-law, and there's another'n on the way." Whether he was looking forward to one of Walter Winchell's "blessed events" or to the acquisition of another son-in-law, CWA will never know... but we hope and pray he got a position... or a job, maybe!

ONE OF THOSE THINGS!

Women love their children, no doubt about it! Little Johnnie has to take his nap in the afternoon, he's given his cod liver oil in carefully measured doses, he's taken to the good old family doctor every few days... his food has to be just right, and he dasn't eat candy or drink soda pop. Mama is taking care of her "future president" and bestowing barrels and barrels of that highly-publicized mother love on his little frame. But when Mama takes a stroll down the avenue in the midst of a January "blow," she dons a fur coat, pulls on an extra pair of hose, encases her feet in galoshes... and stands it very well. But poor Johnnie, toddling along beside her, shivers mightily in his summer sandals and skimpy, scarcely visible socks. Ah, consistency, thou art a jewel!

THE EMERGENCY IN WILKES

Men working under the CWA have been employed hauling sand from Cub Creek to be used in street work in Wilkesboro. No horses are being used to draw the two wagons, and it is an unusual and amusing spectacle to see 18 to 17 men to each wagon, some pulling, some pushing, some accompanying the wagons through the streets—North Wilkesboro Hustler.

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Rothschild Bride



LONDON: Mrs. Nathaniel Mayer Victor Rothschild, (above) former Barbara Hutchinson of Hastings, is now the bride of the nephew of Lord Rothschild and heir to the Rothschild peerage and famous fortune.

SUMMER RESIDENT AT ROCK IS DEAD

Mrs. T. L. McComb Dies at Milledgeville, Ga. at Advanced Age. Had Spent Summers at Blowing Rock for Forty Years.

A belated report tells of the death in Milledgeville, Ga., on December 31 of Mrs. T. L. McComb of that city, at the age of seventy-seven years. The last illness was of ten days duration. Funeral services were conducted from the Baptist Church and interment was in the city cemetery. Mrs. McComb was loved and esteemed in her home community, and had a wide circle of friends in Watauga County having been a resident of Blowing Rock during the summer months for more than forty years. Survivors in the immediate family include the husband and one daughter, Mrs. W. T. Hines.

Questions and Answers For Burley Growers

Mr. C. F. McCrary, district agent with S. I. College, was in the city last week, mingling with farmers and explaining points in the Burley Tobacco Adjustment Program, which is designed to offer Burley growers a program that will enable those who accept it to receive more net income from their farms than they would receive if they did not accept it. For the benefit of those interested in the program, The Democrat will publish weekly a group of questions and answers, prepared by the Department of Agriculture.

Question: Who is to put the program into operation?

Answer: Tobacco farmers themselves, through voluntary signed contracts with the Secretary of Agriculture.

Question: What is the principal feature of the Burley program?

Answer: The reduction of acreage and production in 1934 and again in 1935 if necessary to bring supply into line with consumption. The making of cash payments to those who take part in the program.

Question: When will each of the payments be made?

Answer: The rental payment will be made before March 1, 1934, or not later than thirty days after the contract has been received and accepted by the Secretary in Washington. The first adjustment payment will be made as soon as possible after proof has been submitted by the producer of reduction in the tobacco acreage but not later than September 16, 1934. The second adjustment payment will be made as soon as possible after proof has been submitted by the Secretary that the producer has fully performed all terms and conditions of the contract with respect to the 1934 tobacco crop, but not later than June 1, 1935. The deficiency payment of 2 cents per pound will be made at the same time as the second adjustment payment.

Question: What is the penalty if a producer receives cash payments and then fails to fill the terms of his contract?

Answer: His contract is cancelled and the payments must be returned.

Question: Will those producers who reduce acreage and production 50% receive greater benefits than those who reduce 33 1/3%?

Answer: Yes, the payments are larger and the savings in cost of production are greater.

Question: How will the above payments be made?

Answer: All payments will be made by checks sent from Washington.

Question: To whom will the checks be made payable?

Answer: To the producer or the trustee, in case a trustee has been named to receive the payments.

ED ATWOOD SHOT BY SHERIFF OF WILKES COUNTY

Escaped Convict Fatally Wounded as He Throws Gun on Sheriff Somers. Watauga Officers Had Traced Fugitive Last Week on Robbery Charges. Was Escaped from State Prison. Sent from Watauga Court.

Ed Atwood, 57, an escaped convict, was fatally wounded Sunday night near Patton's Ridge as he was raising a shotgun on W. B. Somers, the sheriff of Wilkes County. A load of buckshot from the officer's gun brought almost instant death to the man who had vowed that no officer would take him. The shooting occurred a short distance from the Wade Harris Bridge on the Boone Trail.

Atwood had lived in Watauga County for a number of years where at one time he was engaged in taking up cross-ties for the Deep Gap Tie and Lumber Company. He had made his escape from State Prison in May where he was sent to serve a two to three-year sentence on a charge of house-breaking and larceny.

Wanted Here

Watauga County officers trailed Atwood several times last week but were unable to locate him and Sheriff Somers received information late Sunday evening that he was at the home of Mrs. Clebus Woods near the Wilkes and Watauga line and was making his threats that no officer would take him. The sheriff carried with him Deputy H. C. Kilby and J. H. Alexander and went to the home of Mrs. Woods. When the officers stationed themselves about the house a dog barked and Atwood and Honey Woods, young son of Mrs. Woods, ran from the house and started up the hill. Sheriff Somers called for Atwood to halt and fired his shotgun into the air. The boy came back and Atwood turned, running off a bank into the air. The boy came back and by and Denver Woods, another son of Mrs. Woods, followed the sheriff again called for Atwood to halt after he had followed him into the road. Atwood then turned around, according to witnesses of the affair, and leveled a shotgun at the sheriff. Sheriff Somers shot Atwood with his twelve-gauge shotgun loaded with buckshot and Atwood ran a few steps before he fell dead, the greater part of the load entering his left chest.

Said He Would Not Be Taken

Mrs. Woods stated that Atwood was at her home making threats that if any officers came after him he "would go out first." Atwood was a notorious character and officers of Wilkes, Ashe and Watauga counties had been on the lookout for him for some time. He is alleged to have broken into Ellis Woodie's store at Summit, Grady Baker's store at Maple Springs and a Mr. Colvard's store at Bowie in Ashe County, and E. J. Blackburn's store at Sourwood.

An inquest was held late Sunday night and a coroner's jury completely exonerated Sheriff Somers, finding as their verdict that the officer not only killed while trying to apprehend a convicted criminal, but that he killed in defense of his own and Mr. Alexander's lives.

Liquor Found on Body

On Atwood's body was found a half-gallon fruit jar full of liquor concealed under his overall bib and a pint bottle of whisky in a hip pocket. Two knives, a razor and a dozen or more shotgun shells were also found in his pockets. Atwood, age about 54, is survived by his widow and the following children: Will, Tildon and Jessie Atwood, Lenoir; Don Atwood, Vannoy; Ted Atwood, Raleigh; Mrs. Lulu Woodring and Mrs. Mollie Nelson, Blowing Rock; Mrs. Leona Trivette, Boone; also surviving are the following brothers and sisters: G. F. Atwood, Troutdale, Va.; Joe Atwood, Dandridge, Tenn.; D. F. Atwood, Mountain City, Tenn.; Mrs. Martha Gwyn, Neva, Tenn., and Mrs. Emma Hall, Johnson City, Tenn.

Plans for the funeral and burial had not been ascertained yesterday.

P. C. Winkler Dies At Age of 86 Years

P. C. (Dick) Winkler, 86 years old, died January 2 at his home in the Rich Mountain section after an illness arising from the infirmities of his great age. Funeral services were conducted from the home on the 4th by Rev. W. C. Payne, and interment was in the Jont Brown graveyard. Surviving, in the immediate family, is one son, George Winkler. Mr. Winkler died in the section in which he was born and where he had spent his long life. He was known as a good, honest and industrious citizen.

Wheat growers belonging to the Burke-Caldwell Association received checks for over a thousand dollars from their association treasurer last week for reducing acreage last fall.

First Ambassadors To and From Soviet Russia



WASHINGTON: Alexander Troyanovsky, (left) is now "at home" here, the first Russian Ambassador to the United States since post world war days. The Soviet Ambassador was joined at Paris by William C. Bullitt, U. S. Ambassador to Russia, the two returning to the United States together. Ambassador Bullitt will return to Russia in late February.

More Than \$5,000 Is Paid Saturday As CWA Reaches Quota In Watauga County

Fifty-one hundred seventy dollars and eighty-eight cents was the total payroll for the local Civil Works Administration last Saturday, this sum having been thrown into the channels of trade by 461 men and women workers under the President's recovery program.

This information, together with a clear outline of the enormous problems confronting local officials, is contained in a clear-cut statement issued to the press Tuesday by Mrs. Smith Hagaman, county CWA Administrator. Mrs. Hagaman's statement follows:

Administrator's Report

"When the State Director of Relief appointed county directors of relief in October, 1932, no one, not even the State directors, knew how difficult was the task that was being assigned to them. All over the State, directors, pitifully untrained, went about this tremendous task, under leadership in Washington and Raleigh who as yet had not arrived at workable policies. This caused unavoidable confusion and delay. But this department of the NRA marched on in spite of difficulties. In this county, to the already present and ever increasing difficulties was added the complication of the closed bank. Over \$3,000.00 of emergency relief money was in the bank when the holiday was declared. This money has since been released.

"In November, 1934, the county directors of relief were appointed local Civil Works Administrators by the State Civil Works Administrators. This necessitated a reorganization of the whole program with tremendous increased responsibilities. Watauga got going and by December 15th had nearly the full original quota working. (Original quota for Watauga was 381, increased by 25 from State quota for work on A. S. T. C. projects, 13 for sanitary project, 8 for Federal projects, 5 teachers and 29 additional women. Total 461).

"The payroll to date is as follows:

December 2, 1933	\$ 998.07
December 9, 1933	2,259.83
December 16, 1933	2,888.20
December 23, 1933	3,673.45
December 30, 1933	3,906.18
January 6, 1934	4,666.62
January 13, 1934	5,170.88
Total	\$23,563.23

"On the different types of construction

Cites Fine Results From Democrat Adv.

Mr. W. R. Winkler of the local Chevrolet agency inserted in The Democrat a few weeks ago an advertisement calling attention to some used car bargains. Fifteen cars were moved as a direct result, some of which had been stored for as much as six months. Mr. Winkler states that on these sales the commissions he would gladly have paid a salesman would have amounted to more than one hundred dollars. The advertisement cost him six dollars. Therefore, the cars were moved at a saving of a hundred dollars, taking it for granted the salesman would have been able to contact the buyers, and we doubt it, for sales were made in three counties.

tion a man must be unemployed to be eligible for CWA jobs. On all work classes as "Women's Projects," which include clerical, filing, teaching, lunch room, sewing, janitors, teachers, nurses, etc., either men or women applying must be eligible for relief. In either case the worker must be a resident of the county. The National Re-employment Office, with Mr. R. S. Swift as manager, is a Federal project. The object of this office is to register and place unemployed persons. When men or women are needed for a CWA job, CWA makes request for the number and type of laborers needed. When this request has been filled the obligation of the NRS to CWA ends.

"The Watauga County Civil Works and Emergency Relief administrative staff consists of the following: Mrs. Smith Hagaman, director of relief and local Civil Works Administrator; Mrs. Maude Carroll, certifying officer; Mr. W. C. Greene, disbursing officer; Mr. Donald Boyden, project supervisor; Mr. J. B. Steele, case worker; Miss Marguerite Miller, bookkeeper; Mrs. Lloyd Coleman, interviewer. Each member of this staff was appointed from the Raleigh office and salaries fixed for the specific duties assigned. These people did not have to be re-employed at the time of their appointment. In addition to these, we have a work project for this office which furnishes several additional workers.

Expresses Appreciation

"I take this opportunity to express to those who have worked and are working in the Emergency Relief and Civil Works office, my sincere appreciation for the splendid way they are seeing the work through. To the people in the county I want to say that no director in the State has had better co-operation. All over the county, individually and in groups, you have helped put this program across. You have been called upon to do all kinds of difficult tasks and I cannot recall one instance where the work has been hindered by your failure to do your part.

"There are many angles to CWA that we do not understand, but we are doing the best we can to follow orders and changes in orders. Almost daily we have to ask the Raleigh office the answer to some difficult question or the solution to some problem. I am sure that you are asking (Continued on Page 8)

Bob Lovill Suffers Stroke of Paralysis

Robert L. Lovill, of Denver, Colo., suffered a stroke of paralysis the first of the week and is now a patient at St. Luke's Hospital, in that city, according to advices coming to a nephew, W. R. Lovill of Boone. The message stated that Mr. Lovill's speech was affected, but otherwise did not give the extent of the stroke. Mr. Lovill is the youngest brother of the late Captain E. F. Lovill, and has never lived in Boone. He visited here in 1922, however, and became acquainted with many friends of the family. He has been engaged as express messenger for the American Express Company for more than forty years. Further news of his condition will be awaited with much interest locally.

Washington.—A warning to Burley tobacco buyers to maintain their prices was issued Monday by J. B. Hutson, chief of the tobacco section of the farm administration. Hutson declared buyers must either keep the price up to 12 cents as fixed in the Burley tobacco marketing agreement, or expect to pay increased processing taxes.

PROGRESS BEING MADE TOWARD OPENING OF BANK

New Books Are Being Set Up Under State Direction. Federal Land Bank Loans Are Enabling Farmers to Meet Obligations. Approved R. F. C. Loan Would Permit Opening, But Thought Best to Open Otherwise.

Substantial progress is being made toward the re-opening of the Watauga County Bank, says G. P. Hagaman, cashier, who states that new books are being set up under the direction of the State Banking Department, and that State bonds have been purchased and put up for the exemption of common stock from assessment, as provided by law.

R. F. C. Loan Approved

Approval of a Reconstruction Finance Corporation loan is announced from Washington, and assurance had been given that when this transaction was completed the bank could reopen. Meanwhile, says Mr. Hagaman, Congress has put the Federal Land Bank in position to come to the rescue of the farmers, by allowing them to borrow money at lower rates of interest.

Many farmers are taking advantage of the proposition and are paying their notes with funds thus secured. Many applications have already been made and others are going in daily. Farmers find it good business to take care of their notes this way and it enables them to transfer their indebtedness at lower interest rates.

Others are making a special effort, it is said, payments are being made, and notes put in current form.

To Open in Good Shape

Those who have studied the proposition are inclined to the belief that it will be infinitely better for the bank to get in position to reopen by collecting notes rather than by borrowing more money, as the latter course would delay meeting other obligations to depositors, etc. With continued co-operation, it is said the bank will be in position to open in really good shape.

Watauga Railroad Hearing on Friday

The Interstate Commerce Commission will hold a hearing in Winston-Salem next Friday to determine action on the application of the Wilkes and Western Railway Company which seeks to rebuild its lines from North Wilkesboro to Darby, a distance of 29 miles.

The road was abandoned following the flood of 1916 and was recently bought at a tax sale by C. E. Jenkins, of North Wilkesboro, and the new company has been formed with a capital stock of \$200,000. Understanding is that government funds will be sought to revamp the road.

The Grandin Railroad, as it used to be known in Watauga County, was built to move the timber on the Elk Creek Lumber Company's domain, and W. J. Grandin, its promoter, had visions of connecting North Wilkesboro and Butler, Tenn., with a rail system. Talk of this kind is now revived, but there is no authentic information that a project of this magnitude is now contemplated.

Kindergarten Will Be Opened Next Tuesday

A kindergarten will be opened at the Boone Demonstration School on next Tuesday morning, January 23rd. Equipment has been provided to care for 24 children, and children between the ages of 4 and 6 years will be taken.

Hours will be from 8:30 to 12:30. Only children that can be easily gotten to the school and taken home at the noon hour will be accepted. Miss Fawn Watson, a graduate of A. S. T. C. with the B. S. degree, will be the teacher. She has been at N. C. C. W., Greensboro, for the past two weeks, taking special training for this work.

To enter children in the kindergarten, it is necessary to register them before school opens. This can be done any day at the Demonstration School building.

BUYERS ARE WARNED TO KEEP TOBACCO PRICES UP

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The cotton reduction contract for 1934 will aid growers to get on a cash basis and to make farms more self supporting from the standpoint of food and feed supplies, says Dean I. O. Schaub of State College.