# SKETCHES

By J. C. R.

#### HE'S ON HIS WAY!

Introducing to Democrat renders Boone's most progressive paper meryoung Homer Haynes vendor of the Asheville Times, varous other newspapers and a half-dozeu magazines. Without regard for the prevailing "groundhog weather," without thought of the winter blasts that would throw a chill down the spine of an Eskimo . . . young Homer delivers his evening publication right into the hands of the reader, smiles as sweet as a peach, and moves along Thirteen years of age and a bright student at Boone High School, newsboy carries out a rigid schedule of work . . . delivery of papers, collection, solicitation of new subscribers, close study of lessons and the United American Mechanics, and various chores that teen-age boys are which came to a close Saturday everequired to do about the home. Homer doesn't mind ... he goes about courthouse. The second prize of three his business with the astute mien of dollars went to a paper from the Todd of a Wall Street broker . . . he dishes out credit quite freely, but he'll "see you Sat'day," politely of course, just was won by Miss Chloe Greer of the as sure as you're born! And the dimes and the quarters and the dollars that Professor Chapp Homer earns in his worth-while enney J. E. Holshouser and Rev. J. A. deavors are not wasted by any Yount composed the board of judges, means ... he buys his clothing and and Rev Yount, in connection with shoes and books and all the other his reading of the essay which won little things that boys require . . but first prize, spoke very highly of the like all good tradesmen, he keeps back the proverbial "nest-egg" for a other judges allow advords of praise back the proverbial "nest-egg" for a rainy day. Boys like Homer Haynes and it was their collective opinion are bound to succeed . . you just couldn't hold 'em back! John Wana-school papers they had ever read. maker, the dry-goods king, once said that "the newsboys of today will be the merchants of tomorrow" when we watch this youth on his Junior Order, presided during the daily rounds, we believe every word meeting and in a very eloquent and

A certain old lady, as the "chest-nut" goes, proved that her son was not an imbiber of spirits by stating that "he drinks four and five glass-es of ice water before breakfast each morning," Now comes a par-allel, allegedly from a Boone woman, who attested the popularity of a young daughter by exclaiming: "Why the young gentlemen call for her even at three and four o'clock in the morning!"

#### A THRIVING COMMUNITY

Oak Grove community . . . progressive in a large way, with a people of charitable and co-operative inof charitable and co-operative in-stincts. A modern school building. MRS. JOE W. WARD which beache a large and regular at tendance, stands on a wooded hill overlooking an embryo valley wherein are nestled a dozen or so modern homes and on the surrounding uplands live the Gross boys, the Hodges, the Browns, the Lyonses, the Greenes, the Wards and many other sturdy folk who combine their ener gies to make Oak Grove the aream come-true that it is. The little white Baptist Church that stands in the forks of the road, the rafters of which have rung to the strains of "How Firm a Foundation" and "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow' for . . has become inadequate to the many functions of an over-size congregation. So, they're being in charge of Reverends W. D. building another house of worship out Ashley and W. C. Payne, Interment Oak Grove way . . with a large auditorium, four Sunday School rooms, and all the accourrements of a bigtaking shape . but there are still lots of brick to be bought, and cement and lumber and fixtures. The congregation is willing, no doubt about . W. C. Baird, Valle Crucis; Mrs. C. A. the Boone High School, announces that those who have been and are interested in commercial work may obtain mstruction through State and gregation is willing, no doubt about . W. Frank Miller Deep Swift in mstruction through State and . W. Frank Miller Deep Swift in mstruction through State and . W. Frank Miller Deep Swift in mstruction through State and . W. Frank Miller Deep Swift in mstruction and content in mstruction through State and . W. Frank Miller Deep Swift in mstruction and content in mstruction through State and . W. Frank Miller Deep Swift in mstruction and content in mstruction through State and . W. Frank Miller Deep Swift in mstruction and content in mstruction through State and . W. Frank Miller Deep Swift in mstruction and content in mstruction through State and . W. Frank Miller Deep Swift in mstruction and content in mstruction through State and . W. Frank Miller Deep Swift in mstruction and content in mstruction through State and . W. Frank Miller Deep Swift in mstruction and content in mstruction through State and . W. Frank Miller Deep Swift in mstruction and content in mstruction through State and . W. Frank Miller Deep Swift in mstruction and content in mstruction and c and lumber and fixtures. The con-gregation is willing, no doubt about that, but the burden is heavy. Boone that, but the burden is heavy. Boone that, but the burden is heavy. Boone to respect to the properties of the properties folks, regardless of church affilia- tauga Falls; W. R. Billings, Vilas; E. tion, should donate liberally to the R. Billings, Gastonia; J. A. Billings, work . . . for people like these . . . Elizabethton, Tenn.; Mrs. P. E. Herpeople who go about their Master's man, Roanoke; Mrs. N. M. Bradiey, husiness with a song of praise in their Limestone, Tenn.; Mrs. J. R. Johnhearts . people who share their son, Elizabethton. Another daughter, joys and sorrows with one another . . . Mrs. O. E. Hayes of Vilas, died in people who are self-supporting and 1919. . people who keep apace grandchildren. with a fact-moving age . . . they deserve everything that's cast their Betty billings, a daughter of Rev E.

Just how far the printed word travels, and what it accomplishes, we wouldn't even venture to guess. But Mr. Otto Schnering, president of the Curtiss Candy Company 'way out youder in that Windy City where gangsters bold play hide-andseek with the terrified gendarmes, forwarded a letter to The Democrat's publishers a few days ago . . . thanking them profusely for an acticle which appeared in this column some weeks ago. And along with the letter came a large package of the company's most toothsome sweets just to show us, as Mr. Schnering put it, why "five boys would walk eleven miles for a nickel's worth of Baby Ruth's." Thanks a lot, brother!

#### SCANDALOUS, SAYS WE!

Yesterday a schoolgirl, perhaps plosion followed immediately, one thirteen years old, passed in front portion of the tank flying more than of our window . . . clad, not too warmly, in the skimpy attire of feminine youth . . . a pretty little rosy-cheeked lass, just on the threshold of the much- discussed "dangerous age." A sporty roadster, occupied by a couple of full-grown bozos, drew up to the curb and discharged its cargo of depraved humanity on the sidewalk And a conversation, apparently filled conducted by ministers of all church-

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## WINNERS OF ESSAY PUBLIC MEETING

Members of Junior Order in Enthusiustic Meeting Saturday Evening. Alfred Adams of Cove Creek High School Tops List With Essay on Crime Prevention. Professor Guy H. Hill Is Principal Speaker.

Alfred Adams, student in the Cove Creek High School, was awarded first prize of five dollars for the best essay on "Crime Prevention" in the contest sponsored by the Junior Order, But ning with a public meeting in the

Professor Chappell Wilson, Attor

Brown Awards Prizes Attorney Wade E. Brown, vice-. . and councilor of the local council of the pleasing manner awarded the prizes. Mr. Brown had previously visited the high schools of the county in the interest of the contest and crime preention.

Past Councilor Clyde R. Greene local council and named the deceased members.

The program was climaxed by splendid address from Professor Guy H. Hill, principal of the Boone High School. Professor Hill used as his subject, "The Cause of Crime and How It May Be Prevented." "Trying Out a mile west of Boone lies tha to keep up with the Joneses is the

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## PASSES SATURDAY

Funeral Services for Well Known Res ident of Brushy Fork Community Held Monday and Interment Made in Family Burying Ground.

Mrs. Joseph W. Ward, 66 years old, well-known resident of the Brushy Fork section, died at her home there Saturday after a long illness. Mrs. Ward had never fully recovered from a stroke of paralysis suffered two or

from the home Monday, the services followed in the family graveyard.

Surviving are the husband and five children: F. C. Ward of Vilas; Mrs. There are fifteen surviving

Mrs. Ward was the former Miss H. and Mrs. Billings, and was born in Alleghany County. The family moved to Watauga in 1886 where two years later she was married to Mr. Joseph W. Ward. She was a member of the Pleasant Valley Primitive Baptist Church, having joined in 1896.

Deceased was a devout Christian mother and neighbor, and was widely loved and respected in the community in which she spent her adult

#### BLOW TORCH EXPLODES

Stanford Berry, who resides on framework was donated by Mr. L. M. North Water Street, narrowly es- Hodges. A greater part of this macaped injury Saturday when a blow- terial has been placed on the site, torch, containing about a half-gollon of high-test gasoline, exploded near

The torch, which Mr. Berry had heen using to thaw frozen water the cemetery. James T. Gross donatpipes, flared unnaturally, and was ed the new site. quickly pushed to one side. The explosion followed immediately, one two hundred feet, setting fire to Berry's clothing as it passed by him.

#### WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

The World Day of Prayer is to be observed at the Advent Christian afternoon at the courthouse here. Church here Friday at 7:30. The annual union prayer service is to be ers, and the public is invited.

#### Contempt of Senate



WASHINGTON: washingTon: . . . Wm. P. M. Cracken (above) assistant Sectionary of Commerce in charge of ne quantics under President Hoover Wm. P. has arrested for contempt of the fenate when he refused to produce files which the Senate Committee wanted to see in its investigation on air-mail contracts.

### JIM BROWN HELD ON CHARGES OF MABEL WOMAN

Resident of Adams Accused of Attempted Rane, Warrant Sworn by

ommunity, is being held in the counspoke briefly of the principles of the arrest in Boone Tuesday, and a latin except the power to approve was one of the promoters of the Park lons of water, or an estimated thirty or veto the legislation which Conheld Wednesday at Mabel. The prisoner made his escape as he was being ple, has enacted." transferred from the bastile to the which one shot was fired. The pre- its responsibilities as a majority parliminary was postponed until next ty which he described as "to bear Blowing Rock community are very Wednesday, the evidence to be heard responsibility and carry out a govat that time before C. F. Thompson, Esq., at Mabel.

According to the information which According to the information which Sheriff Howell has received, Brown LOVILL TO ADDRESS went to the Stewart home under the went to the Stewart home, under the guise of an officer of the law. He is said to have fold Mrs. Stewart that he had a warrant for her husband who has a court record) and made indecent proposals to her, holding out the destruction of the alleged werrant as an inducement. Following her repulses. Brown is then said to have continued his efforts to force his attentions upon the woman, and when a knife was exhibited and further advances made, she managed to escape. appearing shortly before a justice of the peace for the warrant.

Several witnesses are being summoned both for the defendant and three years ago. moned both for the defenda Funeral services were conducted the State, says Sheriff Howell.

#### Government Will Pay For Business Training

Hill sometime before Saturday, February 24th.

#### Oak Grove Community To Build New Church

The citizens of Oak Grove community, just west of Boone, are putting on a drive for a new church building. The present building, which was blown from its foundation a few winters ago, is very inadequate for the large membership which the church now has. According to preliminary plans, the new building is to be of brick veneer, consisting of severat Sunday school rooms and a pastor's

The building committee has been at work for some time and have bought the brick from a firm in Kingsport, Tenn. Lumber ready for work as soon as weather conditions will permit.

The new building will be built near the old one, just above the road near

#### Compensation Case to Be Heard in Watauga

J. Dewey Dorsett of the North Carolina Industrial Commission will hear the case of Geter Shook vs. Wessels Lumber Company this (Wednesday)

Commissioner Dorsett is on a trip through Northwest Carolina, and on Thursday will hear two compensation complaints in Newland

### SAYS GAG RULE IS THE CONSTITUTION

Large Gathering of North Carolina Republicans at Lincoln Day Dinner Hear Kansas Solon in Denunciation of Roosevelt Administration. Says President Is Assuming Dictatorial Position. Local Men Attend.

Representative Harold McGugin, Republican of Kansas, charged the Democratic party with the destruction of government under the Roosevelt administration, in an address de-livered at the Lincoln Day dinner in Greensboro Monday evening.

The Kansan asserted the majority party in the Congress through adoption of gag rules was "destroying the last vestige of legislative government of the people, by the people, and for

'In actual practice," he continued, we may just as well have a dictator issuing his decrees as to have a Pres ident who, through his subordinates in the executive department, is writing the legislation and sending it to Congress, whereupon the Congress gags itself so that it can offer no improvements to the legislation. This entirely destroys the government under the constitution.

"The constitution does not provide Mrs. Wade Stewart. Being Held in for the President's writing legislation. Jail Pending Trial Next Wednes-day. Alleged to Have Posed as Of-It provides that Congress may report setting forth an outline of legislation which he deems advisable. The con-

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## MASS MEETING

Crime Prevention to Be Discussed at Baptist Church on Sunday, February 18. Program Sponsored by County Ministerial Association.

of the United Dry Forces, the was highway department, described in datauga Pastor's Association and the tail the route which would follow the creek of the Plus Ridge Governor Watauga Citizens Association, will be the crest of the Blue Ridge. Governor held at the Boone Baptist Church on Ehringhaus, Senators Bailey and Rey-

The purpose of this meeting will be o unite the efforts of these organi- the case, each urging the scenic adzations in a campaign for law observance. A constitution will also be presented and officers elected. Hon W. R. Lovill of Poone will be

Professor Guy H. Hill, principal of the principle speaker, taking as his

Those who are interested to type-United Dry Forces, are members of divided in support of proposed routes writing should communicate with Dr. the committee in charge of organizing the law observance league, and in calling the mass meeting issued the following statement:

"Our committee urges that all pastors and Sunday School superintendents in the entire county announce this meeting at their services next Sunday morning and that they urge SILAS WHEELER IS their folks to attend. We are all SILAS WHEELER IS Sunday morning and that they urge agreed that our laws are not being observed as becomes a Christian civilization. The discussion at this meet ing and the plans there made will look to ways and means of remedying this Watangan Arrested in Court Room condition as it relates to Watauga

#### Gragg's Successor Is Definitely "On Way"

William T. Dowd, of Sanford, recommended several months ago as the successor to Watt H. Gragg of Boone, Marshal for the Middle District of North Carolina, is expected to be confirmed the latter part of this week, according to a telegram received by The Watauga Democrat from Senator Reynolds Tuesday evening.

The Senator states that Mr. Dowds' name was sent from the White House to the Senate, referred to the proper committee, and that Senatorial confirmation will be made the last of this week or no later than the middle of next week.

Mr. Gragg, it will be remembered, resigned his position as of January 1, but his commission holds good, pending the actual appointment and

qualification of his successor. \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*



. Above is Verno Sankey, noted South Dakota outlaw rancher, who has confessed to the kidnapping of Charles Boettcher, 2nd, of Denver and Haskell Bohn, of St. Paul. His career is now being closely checked by Federal agents.

### SCENIC HIGHWAY MAY BE ROUTED BY BLOWING ROCK

Delegation of Carolinians in Baltimore Meeting Present Route for Highway. Mayor Park to Park

Jim Brown, resident of the Adams stitution then provides that Congress, Rock returned last week from Balti-Mayor G. C. Robbins of Blowing community, is being held in the county just to answer charges of attempting at the people, shall prepare and enact rape, contained in a warrant sworn act the legislation which it deems on the location of the Park to Park to the location of the Park to Park to the structure is twenty-six out by Mrs. Wade Stewart resident out by Mrs. Wade Stewart, resident wise. Under the constitution, the Pressor of Mabel. The Sheriff's office made ident has no control over the legisgress, the representatives of the peo- several years ago, which resulted in Previously there had been practicalplacing a Federal number on a pro- ly no reserve at the intake, the water Delving into history, McGugin as- posed route is very optimistic over Sheriff's auto, but was overtaken by serted the record of the Democratic the showing made in the new ven-Sheriff Howell after a spirited race in party was that it was unable to meet ture and believes the chances of the scenic roadway coming through the

Governor Ehringhaus headed the North Carolina delegation, which presenied the route favored by this State through E. B. Jeffries, head of the highway department. It was the unanumous opinion of the Carolinians that the highway should enter this State near Roaring Gap, through Glendale Springs, Deep Gap, Blowing Linville Gorge, Alta Pass, Little Switzerland, Mount Mitchell and westwardly into the Great Smokies

A mass meeting of Watauga citi-Sunday, February 18th, at 2:30 o'clock noids, Congressman Doughton, Um-stead, Bulwinkle, Hancock and Weaver assisted in the presentation of vantages to be gained through their favorite routing. Later on President resourced was presented a bound volume of scenes along the country to be traversed by Representative

through their states.

All proposals will be investigated before further action is taken, and a definite statement as to the location of the Park to Park Highway is expected to be made within six weeks.

## HELD, BURGLARY

on Information from Montana Officers. Is Being Held Here. One Walter Norris Also Wanted.

Silas Wheeler, 19 years old and a on of Rev. D. M. Wheeler of Triplett, they can phone L. S. Harris, Motor this county, walked right straight inthis county, walked right straight into the hands of the law Tuesday as he watched the mills of justice grind in recorders court here, and is now the county jail awaiting the arrival of Montana officers, who want him on a charge of burglary and an assault on an officer with arms. The arrest was made by Deputy Shreiff Wiley Day, who made the arrest on City, Madison County, Montana, where the crime is alleged to have been committed early in December. No further particulars are available.

Wheeler returned to Watauga seva penitentiary sentence, it is said, for of that family in the Cove Creek

Sheriff Howell Wednesday received

### SEEK \$40,000 FOR WATER AND SEWER EXTENSIONS HERE

Members of City Council Journey to Raleigh and Secure Approval of Projects to Extend Water and Sew-age System, Pending Action of Congress in Providing Additional CWA Funds, Dam Half Done

Mayor Tracy Councill and Alder-men G. K. Moose and H. B. Perry returned last Wednesday evening from Raleigh where they called at the office of Mrs. Thomas O'Berry to present applications for CWA funds with which to finance further development of the water and sewage system of the town, to complete a water supply dam, and to provide adequate facilities for sewage disposal.

The three projects represent a to-tal outlay of \$40,000, it is said, and the first two are approved, subject to the action of Congress in turning loose more CWA funds. Action on the sewage disposal application was withheld pending conferences with the engineer who drafted the plans some time ago

According to officials, it is necessary to develop the water and sewer system in certain sections of the town, where continued building has rendered the original pipe lines of in-Robbins Attends Hearing and Is Hopeful of Adoption of Route Through Watauga. sufficent size to take care of the needs of the growing population. At the same time extensions of both ser-

vices are needed in some quarters.

The water supply dam has been in coming from a small pool in the

The sewage disposal plant is recommended because of scarcity of water and lack of fall where the sewers empty, and plans covering this proposal were drawn some time ago by a Charlotte engineer. Some sort of action on this project is expected

### WARNED AGAINST SPURIOUS CHECKS

Check Flashers Passing Forged Vouchers on Revenue Department and Highway Department, Information as to Practice.

The Farmers Hardware and Supoly Company Tuesday received a letter of warning from the Carolinas Hardware Association in regard to the wave of check flashing, in which State vouchers are used. The forgers have been active in certain sections of the Stiae, and business men are warned to be on the lookout for the spurious vouchers.

A large part of the Revenue Department vouchers are made out for Doughton.

Mr. Robbins was favorably impressed with the organization of the way and Public Works Administraent names such as H. Roberts, Currie Kelly, Stewart, Raymond and Edward Smith, and are signed, "Department of Revenue, A. J. Maxwell, Commissioner, Baxter Durham, Auditor." The highway vouchers are signed:

"N. C. Highway and Public Works Commission, E. B. Jeffries, Commissioner, Baxter Durham, Auditor." Some of the vouchers appear to be

stolen, showing state seal, while later ones are printed on yellow safety paper, watermarked "Exchange. In hardware stores, it is explained,

the forgers usually buy an axe or some other tool and the voucher is presented for change with the statement that the purchaser is employed by the Highway Department.

Merchants are warned to look out for these fellows and when appre-

#### MRS. JULIA A. DAVIS DIES AT HOME NEAR ZIONVILLE

Mrs. Julia A. Davis, aged 80, died at her home near Mabel Sunday, following a brief illness. Funeral services were conducted from the home of forwarded from Virginia Mr. John Greer, where she had made her home, on Monday by Revs. Graham and R. C. Eggers, and interment followed in the family burying ground.

Mrs. Davis prior to marriage was eral days ago. He had once served a McGuire, being the last member section. Her husband, W. M. Davis, and three children passed away many the following telegram from John P. years ago. Mrs. Davis was a mem-Erie, sheriff of Madison County, Mon- ber of the Mabel Methodist Church, tana: "Thanks for capture and your was of charitable disposition, and her prompt action. Will obtain requisition demise has been the cause for genupapers and proceed to Boone promptine sorrow amongst her wide circle of ty. All proper fees will be paid."