

By J. C. R.

HE'S ON HIS WAY!

Introducing to Democrat readers Boone's most progressive paper merchant... young Homer Haynes...

A certain old lady, as the "chestnut" goes, proved that her son was not an imbibor of spirits by stating that "he drinks four and five glasses of ice water before breakfast each morning."

A THRIVING COMMUNITY

Out a mile west of Boone lies the Oak Grove community... progressive in a large way, with a people of character and co-operative instincts.

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...

SCANDALOUS, SAYS WE!

Yesterday a schoolgirl, perhaps thirteen years old, passed in front of our window... clad, not too warmly, in the skimpy attire of feminine youth...

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WINNERS OF ESSAY CONTEST GIVEN AT PUBLIC MEETING

Members of Junior Order in Enthusiastic Meeting Saturday Evening. Alfred Adams of Cove Creek High School Tops List With Essay on Crime Prevention.

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, United American Mechanics, and which came to a close Saturday evening with a public meeting in the courthouse.

Professor Chappell Wilson, Attorney J. E. Holshouser and Rev. J. A. Yount composed the board of judges, and Rev. Yount, in connection with his reading of the essay which won first prize, spoke very highly of the quality of the papers entered.

Brown Awards Prizes. Attorney Wade E. Brown, vice-councilor of the local council of the Junior Order, presided during the meeting and in a very eloquent and pleasing manner awarded the prizes.

Past Councilor Clyde R. Greene spoke briefly of the principles of the order and gave a short history of the local council and named the deceased members.

The program was climaxed by a 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."

MRS. JOE W. WARD PASSES SATURDAY

Funeral Services for Well Known Resident 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.

Funeral services were conducted from the home Monday, the services being in charge of Reverends W. D. Ashley and W. C. Payne.

Surviving are the husband and five children: F. C. Ward of Vilas; Mrs. W. C. Baird, Valle Crucis; Mrs. C. A. Church, Valle Crucis; Mrs. W. T. Hayes, Vilas; Mrs. M. L. Henson, Vilas. The 92-year-old mother also survives, together with four brothers and five sisters.

Mrs. Ward was the former Miss Betty Billings, a daughter of Rev. E. 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.

BLOW TORCH EXPLODES

Stanford Berry, who resides on North Water Street, narrowly escaped injury Saturday when a blow-torch, containing about a half-gallon of high-test gasoline, exploded near him.

The torch, which Mr. Berry had been using to thaw frozen water pipes, flared unnaturally, and was quickly pushed to one side. The explosion followed immediately, one portion of the tank flying more than 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 Church here Friday at 7:30. The annual union prayer service is to be conducted by ministers of all churches, and the public is invited.

Contempt of Senate



WASHINGTON: ... Wm. P. McCracken (above) assistant Secretary of Commerce in charge of negotiations under President Hoover was arrested for contempt of the Senate 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 Rape. Warrant Sworn by Mrs. Wade Stewart. Being Held in Jail Pending Trial Next Wednesday. Alleged to Have Posed as Officer. Attempts Escape.

Jim Brown, resident of the Adams community, is being held in the county jail to answer charges of attempted rape, contained in a warrant sworn out by Mrs. Wade Stewart, resident of Mabel. The Sheriff's office made the arrest in Boone Tuesday, and a preliminary hearing was to have been held Wednesday at Mabel.

According to the information which Sheriff Howell has received, Brown went to the Stewart home under the guise of an officer of the law. He is said to have told 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 warrant as an inducement.

Several witnesses are being summoned both for the defendant and the State, says Sheriff Howell.

Government Will Pay For Business Training

Professor Guy H. Hill, principal of the Boone High School, announces that those who have been and are interested in commercial work may obtain instruction through State and Federal agencies, practically without cost.

Those who are interested in typewriting should communicate with Dr. 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.

The building committee has been at work for some time and have bought the brick from a firm in Kingsport, Tenn. Lumber for the framework was donated by Mr. L. M. Hodges. A greater part of this material has been placed on the site, ready for work as soon as weather conditions will permit.

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) afternoon at the courthouse here.

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

SAYS GAG RULE IS DESTRUCTIVE TO 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 delivered 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 the people."

"In actual practice," he continued, "we may just as well have a dictator issuing his decrees as to have a President 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 for the President's writing legislation. It provides that Congress may report to congress the state of the Union, setting forth an outline of legislation which he deems advisable. The constitution then provides that Congress, composed of representatives chosen by the people, shall prepare and enact the legislation which it deems wise. Under the constitution, the President has no control over the legislation except the power to approve or veto the legislation which Congress, the representatives of the people, has enacted."

Delving into history, McGugin asserted the record of the Democratic party was that it was unable to meet its responsibilities as a majority party which he described as "to bear responsibility and carry out a government."

LOVILL TO ADDRESS MASS MEETING

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

A mass meeting of Watauga citizens, sponsored by the Watauga Unit of the United Dry Forces, the Watauga Pastor's Association and the Watauga Citizens Association, will be held at the Boone Baptist Church on Sunday, February 18th, at 2:30 o'clock p. m.

The purpose of this meeting will be to unite the efforts of these organizations in a campaign for law observance. A constitution will also be presented and officers elected.

Hon. W. R. Lovill of Boone will be the principle speaker, taking as his general subject "Crime and Law Observance." Other talks will be made during the afternoon.

W. Frank Miller, Dean Swift, T. E. Bingham, L. M. Farthing and Clyde R. Greene, prominent figures in the United Dry Forces, are members of 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 their folks to attend. We are all agreed that our laws are not being observed as becomes a Christian civilization. The discussion at this meeting and the plans there made will look to ways and means of remedying this condition as it relates to Watauga County."

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. Dowd's 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.

Dakota Badman



CHICAGO: ... Above is Vern Sanker, 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 Park to Park Highway. Mayor Robbins Attends Hearing and Is Hopeful of Adoption of Route Through Watauga.

Mayor G. C. Robbins of Blowing Rock returned last week from Baltimore where he attended a meeting of a North Carolina delegation, looking to the location of the Park to Park Highway through this section of North Carolina. Mr. Robbins, who was one of the promoters of the Park to Park Highway Association here several years ago, which resulted in placing a Federal number on a proposed route is very optimistic over the showing made in the new venture and believes the chances of the scenic roadway coming through the Blowing Rock community are very good.

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

Following Mr. Jeffries, Mr. Brown, chief location engineer for the highway department, described in detail the route which would follow the crest of the Blue Ridge. Governor Ehringhaus, Senators Bailey and Reynolds, Congressman Doughton, Umstead, Burwinkle, Hancock and Weaver assisted in the presentation of the case, each urging the scenic advantages to be gained through their favorite routing. Later on President Roosevelt was presented a bound volume of scenes along the country to be traversed by Representative Doughton.

Mr. Robbins was favorably impressed with the organization of the Carolina delegation and the fair spirit in which the facts were presented. North Carolina and Virginia lack the unity of purpose, it appears, being divided in support of proposed routes 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.

SILAS WHEELER IS HELD, BURGLARY

Wataugan Arrested in Court Room on Information from Montana Officers. Is Being Held Here. One Walter Norris Also Wanted.

Silas Wheeler, 19 years old and a son of Rev. D. M. Wheeler of Triplett, this 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 in 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 Sheriff Wiley Day, who made the arrest on a warrant forwarded from Virginia 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 several days ago. He had once served a penitentiary sentence, it is said, for forgery.

Sheriff Howell Wednesday received the following telegram from John P. Eric, sheriff of Madison County, Montana: "Thanks for capture and your prompt action. Will obtain requisition papers and proceed to Boone promptly. All proper fees will be paid."

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 Sewerage System. Pending Action of Congress in Providing Additional CWA Funds. Dam Half Done.

Mayor Tracy Council and Aldermen 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 sewerage system of the town, to complete a water supply dam, and to provide adequate facilities for sewerage disposal.

The three projects represent a total 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 sewerage 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 insufficient size to take care of the needs of the growing population. At the same time extensions of both services are needed in some quarters.

The water supply dam has been in course of construction for some time and has been practically half completed through the use of municipal funds. The structure is twenty-six feet high, of concrete construction, and will impound seven million gallons of water, or an estimated thirty days' supply for the town of Boone. Previously there had been practically no reserve at the intake, the water coming from a small pool in the stream.

The sewerage 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 soon.

WARNED AGAINST SPURIOUS CHECKS

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

The Farmers Hardware and Supply 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 State, 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 \$13.75, purportedly a refund on auto license, while those from the Highway and Public Works Administration run from \$17.50 to \$123.50. The checks are made payable in different 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 apprehended have police detain them until they can phone L. S. Harris, Motor Vehicle Bureau, Raleigh, N. C.

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 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 a McGuire, being the last member of that family in the Cove Creek section. Her husband, W. M. Davis, and three children passed away many years ago. Mrs. Davis was a member of the Mabel Methodist Church, was of charitable disposition and her demise has been the cause for genuine sorrow amongst her wide circle of friends.