

BOONE SKETCHES

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ON OUR WAY HOME

A sweaty, smell day over . . . a sort of tough day . . . and we're trekking up Water Street toward the old cabin trying to hatch up a couple or three ideas . . . ideas from which to construct this weekly, or weakly column. A light was burning on the doctor's porch . . . but the family had retired for the night . . .

THE DOCTOR WAS OUT

where, the Lord only know . . . and we fumbled around in the old think box, seeking the reason for his nocturnal call. Who could be sick? Who could be injured? What hysterical woman could have the jitters on a night like that? Perhaps the doc was "ketchin' a youngun," as we hill-billies say, in some distant hollow . . . perhaps he was removing a misplaced bean from the nose of little Willie Jones, way back on Frog Level . . . or taking a dozen stitches about the umbilicus of a surprised community bully . . . or administering a comforting shot of morphia to an expiring patriarch . . . or watching beside the cot of a croupy baby . . . or soothing the heartaches of a bereft mother. Always on the go, always deprived of a normal existence, never allowed a full night's rest, seldom praised and more seldom paid . . . these country doctors are heroes without laurels, kings without crowns. And those women who keep the lights burning, who answer the phone in the wee small hours . . . these wives of doctors . . . you couldn't find a group this side of Glory, masculine or feminine, with a more outstanding record of unselfish service!

OLD REX, the children call him . . . Eynum Taylor's venerable English Shepherd . . . trots carefully out of the Taylor yard, crosses the street and lams water from the brook. Rex is as blind as a bat . . . has been that way since a summer day years ago . . . a sultry day, a long cattle drive, a tough job for his master, which resulted in "closed windows" for the faithful dog. But Rex has made the best of his blindness . . . he knows every kid that plays on the street . . . he knows every path and alley in his end of town . . . he listens for cars before he crosses the street . . . he just lays around in the shade, eats good victuals, and enjoys his well-earned retirement.

A COUPLE OF SPOONERS sat close together over near Watt Gragg's water-wheel . . . and a feminine giggle broke the stillness as a pair of masculine arms embraced a trim body . . . and the blooming dahlias in the surrounding garden nodded their colorful heads in a knowing sort of way as the boy friend whispered that three-word secret into the ear of his lady. And the waters sang "A Melody of Love" as they raced across the wheel!

LIGHTS BURNED AGAIN in the house back of the beautiful maple grove . . . the Souths had just returned from an eight-thousand-mile trip to the Pacific Coast . . . and the children were telling their little friends about mile-deep canyons, and painted deserts, and big trees, and golden beaches, and far-away cities, and slant-eyed people, and towering mountains, and rolling prairies! And mouths flew open and tiny faces wrinkled in amazement as they drew imaginary pictures of "them wide-open spaces out yonder."

OVER IN "HIGH HEAVEN," that portion of town in which the sons and daughters of Ham reside, a group of throaty songsters bore down on an old favorite . . . and as the melodious words of "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot" were wafted out on the night air, a pack of fox hounds opened in "full music" way up on Howard's Knob as they gave chase to sly old Reynard.

HOME AT LAST . . . plumb tired . . . babies asleep . . . cat turned out . . . stumnick full of corn bread and milk . . . hands washed . . . pants off . . . ready for bed. We pick up an Eastern newspaper . . . for no very good reason, perhaps. A column entitled "Looking Backward" tells of happenings one hundred and ten years ago. A five-line paragraph attracts the eye. We read (with due apologies to barrister friends) as follows: "Arrived sloop 'Henry,' from Falmouth. Passengers: 4 ladies, 3 musicians, 1 lion, 1 lama, 1 Shetland pony, a monkey, a baboon, and two lawyers." We laughs a little . . . we hits the hay!

'SFUNNY, AIN'T IT?

Human inconsistencies . . . those little "slips" that one time or another find origin in the best of us, are always good for a titter. Here's one, which we credit to Mark Holciew: A certain prominent business man, active in the "dry" cause last fall, obligingly carried a friend to the home of an equally prominent bootlegger this morning . . . for why we know not!

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Mrs. Samuel Insull



Chicago.—Mrs. Samuel Insull (above), wife of the indicted utilities magnate, is here from Greece to stand by her husband when he faces trial on the various counts which have been pending so long in Federal and State Courts.

TWO MILLION SET ASIDE FOR PARK TO PARK HIGHWAY

Total of Six Million Now Ready for Work on Project. Thoroughfare Is Expected to Pass Through Blowing Rock Section, and Will Provide 350-Mile Drive Between National Parks, 200-foot Right-of-Way Required.

Local interest in the Park Highway, which is confidently expected to pass through the Blowing Rock country, is rekindled with the announcement by Administrator Harold Ickes that an additional \$2,000,000 in PWA funds has been set aside for the mammoth project to supplement a previous allocation of \$4,000,000.

While the definite location of the parkway route has not been given out, belief in these parts is that Blowing Rock will win, should either of two different routings be followed. One would, it is understood, go into Tennessee from Linville and enter the Smoky Mountains Park from the Tennessee side, while the other would proceed directly into the Asheville section. Both would pass through Blowing Rock, it is stated.

The parkway, which is planned as one of the outstanding drives of the nation, will extend from the Shenandoah National Park in Virginia to the Great Smokies National Park in North Carolina and Tennessee, providing a 350-mile drive, approximately following the crest of the Blue Ridge, and utilizing a 200-foot right-of-way, to be provided by the states concerned.

The linking of the two national park areas is expected to bring thousands of additional visitors to the region to vacation, to rest among the hills, and to enjoy the unparalleled scenery.

The parkway project is described as perhaps the Public Works Administration's finest gift to the nation. The natural beauties of the country through which it will run are famous and the section has long been noted as a naturalist's paradise.

FARM TEACHER TO CONDUCT CAMP

Robert G. Shipley, Head of Boone High School's New Agricultural Department, to Take Group of Prospective Students to White Lake.

Mr. Robert G. Shipley, recently named as teacher of Agriculture in the Boone High School, will next Monday, July 23rd, begin a week's camp at White Lake, N. C., and is now visiting the homes of many of the boys who are expected to be enrolled this fall in his agricultural classes, and taking the names of those who desire to go on the camping trip.

Mr. Shipley, who is a graduate of V. P. L., tells the Democrat that those who are interested in agriculture and who expect to take the course during the next school year, will derive considerable profit from the trip, and hopes that at least twelve may go.

Those who are not personally contacted by Mr. Shipley, and who are interested in going to White Lake, may get in touch with him at the Boone High School. The total expense of the trip will be about five dollars and every boy who possibly can is urged to go along.

Must Sign Tobacco Contracts by the 28th

Burley tobacco growers of this section who desire to sign the Government contracts to reduce their acreage, are asked to call at the office of County Superintendent Howard Walker and produce the necessary blanks. Mr. Walker says the contracts are the same as those signed by a number of growers last spring, and that the papers must be executed by July 28th.

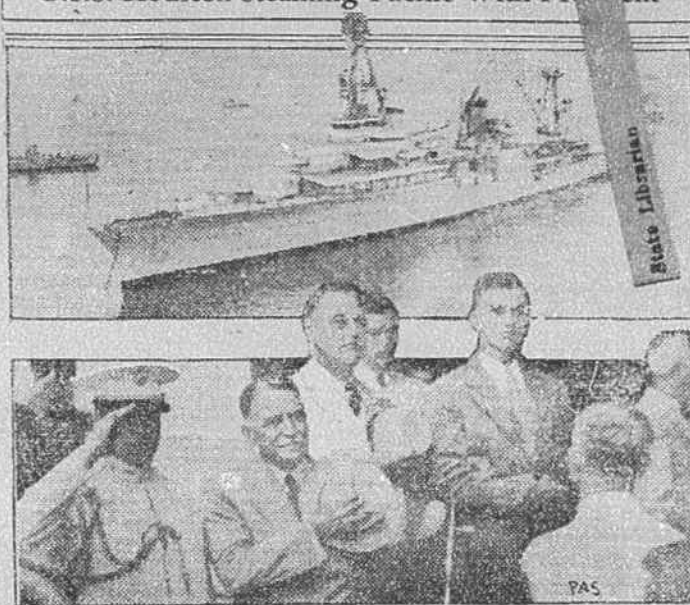
LOCAL JUNIOR COUNCIL ORGANIZES BASEBALL TEAM

The local Council of the Junior order has organized a baseball team consisting of members of the order. The opening game was played last Thursday afternoon with the Vilas team at Vilas, the Juniors winning by the score of four to six. Kepler and D. Hodges were on the mound for the Juniors, while Brinkley and Clint Mast pitched for the Vilas nine. A return game is to be played on the Boone diamond this afternoon. Other games are to be booked at early dates.

PASSES DENTAL TEST

Dr. E. T. Glenn, promising young resident of the Sugar Grove community, was one of those who passed the State Board of Dental Examiners last week, and will be privileged to practice his profession in the State. Twenty-three other applicants passed the rigid tests of the State examining board.

U.S.S. Houston Steaming Pacific With President



On Board the U. S. S. Houston at Sea.—Now on the broad Pacific Ocean aboard the cruiser Houston, President Roosevelt is enjoying a vacation tour which will bring him to the Hawaiian Islands today. Photo above shows the president and his son, Franklin D. Jr., receiving the presidential salute when they went ashore at Mayaguez, Puerto Rico, while the Houston stood by in the offing.

RESISTS ARREST; SHOT BY OFFICER

Resident of Elk Township Shot in Leg and Back After He Opens Fire on Officers; Brother's Shots Take Effect. To Be Tried Tuesday.

Dell Triplett, resident of Elk Township, was injured by two revolver bullets Saturday evening, when he resisted officers as they sought to arrest him on a charge of drunkenness and possession of spirituous liquors.

According to such information as the Democrat was able to gather, O. C. Triplett, a deputy sheriff, sought the aid of Austin Triplett, a constable, as he started out to arrest the latter's brother, Dell. It is said that Dell, when the officers approached, fired his revolver several times in their direction. Austin returned the fire, two bullets taking effect in the body of his brother, one passing through the thigh and the other inflicting a flesh wound across the back. The injuries are not described as serious, and following medical treatment, the prisoner was placed in jail, and will be arraigned at Recorder's Court Tuesday. Later he gave bond for his appearance.

Combs Will Lead Young Democrats

John E. Combs, well known Mabel citizen and prominent partisan, was elected chairman of the Watauga County Young Democratic Club at an organization meeting held in the courthouse Monday evening, and which was attended by a representative group of young Democratic men and women. Mr. Combs succeeds Jim Rivers, who had served as chairman since the club's organization two years ago.

Mr. Tom Jackson was named as vice-chairman, Mrs. Charles Zimmerman, second vice-chairman, and Wade E. Brown was re-elected secretary, following which delegates were chosen to attend the convention in Asheville on July 27, 28, 29. The main business sessions are to be held on the 28th. Brief political addresses were made by Charles T. Zimmerman and Robert W. Fulliam before the close of the meeting.

Those named as delegates to the Asheville meeting were: Grady Moretz, Dr. C. L. Rhyno, P. C. Wyke, Mrs. Frank Williams, Wade Brown, James Sudderth, Nile Cooke, Wade Miller, Asa Reece, Mrs. Mack Cowles, Blanche Stokes, John E. Combs, Sam F. Horton, Ollus Mast, Troy Norris, Green Brown, Howard Edmister, Edward Baird and Gladys Taylor. Any other Wataugans who attend the convention will be recognized as delegates.

Father of A. S. T. C. Teacher Succumbs

Professor Chappell Wilson and family have returned from Robeson County where on Friday morning they attended funeral services for his father, Joe Martin Wilson, who died almost suddenly on Thursday afternoon. Deceased was 81 years old, a farmer, and prominent citizen of Howellsville Township. He had suffered a stroke of paralysis twelve weeks ago, but had been able to ride over his farm the day before his passing.

119 MAKE HONOR ROLL AT COLLEGE

Students from Forty-three Counties Win Distinction at Appalachia. List Contains Names of 28 Wataugans. Some Unusual Records.

One hundred and nineteen students of Appalachian State Teachers College made the honor roll during the spring term, according to information received from Prof. J. T. C. Wright, head of the department of mathematics of the institution. These honor students represent forty-three different counties and three states, the following Watauga County students having distinguished themselves:

Mrs. Nonnie Hoover, J. D. Horton, Mrs. Thelma Horton, Jesse Henck, Mrs. Beulah Lyerly, Mazie Jean Jones, Dale Keller, Lucille Mast, Bessie Miller, Mary Moretz, Winton Rankin, George Sawyer, Karl Sawyer, Ruby Shull, Ray Stike, Gertrude Vance, Clint Adams, Ollie Jean Coffey, Pearl Cowles, Beatrice Culler, Frieda Farthing, Homer Farthing, Howard Garbee, Joe Hardin, Katherine Harwell and Muriel Hodgson, all of Boone; Mrs. Virginia Dare Strouder and Susie Banner, Sugar Grove.

Mrs. Lyerly, Mazie Jean Jones, Winton Rankin and Katherine Harwell have maintained this honor record for the past two years.

LEGION PARK IS TO BE IMPROVED

Community Center is Goal of Local Post. Auditorium Seating a Thousand to Be Constructed. FERA May Supply Labor.

Plans are going forward rapidly for the complete development of the American Legion Park property into a community center, according to information secured from officials of the local Legion Post, who point out that an auditorium with a seating capacity of no less than one thousand will be one of the first individual projects to be undertaken.

The public has been asked to donate certain building materials to supplement Legion resources, and indications are that labor costs may be taken care of by the Federal Emergency Relief Administration.

Mr. Leonard Wilson of Zionville has been appointed as chairman of a special committee and asks that all persons interested in lending a hand in this public benefit program get in touch with him at once so that plans may be developed as soon as possible. The main auditorium should be constructed, it is said, in time to take care of the county-wide singing this fall, which usually overflows the courthouse auditorium.

Many Take Narrow Gauge Railway Trip

Mr. Herman Wilcox, station agent for the Linville River Railway Company, states that the Monday excursions over the scenic line of his company to Johnson City and return have attracted wide interest and that a well-filled passenger train reminds one of the old days in railroading. Last Monday a great number of people from Boone, Blowing Rock and Valle Crucis took advantage of the low excursion rates and greatly enjoyed the trip. Only two more trains will be operated, Monday, July 23, and Monday, July 30. Tourists are particularly interested in the scenery provided in the gorge of the Doe River, which is comparable to the grandeur of the noted Royal Gorge of Colorado.

FIRST CANNERY OF TVA TO OPEN ON NEXT MONDAY

People of Immediate Counties Will Benefit by Cannery at Cranberry. Others to Be Opened Later On. Unemployed May Benefit from Berry Picking. Turnip Seeds from Japan at Local Hardware Store.

Banner Elk.—As a result of the program adopted by the Tennessee Valley Authority, the cannery at Cranberry, N. C., will be ready next Monday to receive the abundant supply of blackberries that grow throughout our mountain region. This cannery will also receive green snap beans. A second cannery at Green Mountain, N. C., is nearing completion, and an opening date will be announced later.

The tentative prices to be paid for these commodities, delivered to the cannery, will be: blackberries, 20c per gallon; snap beans, 2 1/2 cents down to one cent, depending upon grade.

This announcement is expected to put hundreds of unemployed to picking berries and assures them a fair wage for their labor. Only well-ripened, sound berries (not over-ripe) will be received, and any lot of berries containing red or green berries, stems or trash, will be rejected.

A plan is now being worked out to gather these commodities by truck, and this plan will be announced later. In the meantime, it is urged that communities co-operate with one another to get these products delivered.

It has been learned that many children of school age in this area do not have sufficient money to buy their school books, and officials of the co-operative cannery believe that some plan can be worked out with the county superintendents, principals and teachers, whereby blackberries can be picked by these children, and enough earned to more than cover the cost of their books.

A limited supply of Japanese turnip seed has been secured to be planted for turnip greens, which in turn will be bought by the canneries. This supply is so limited that only a few pounds have been distributed to the following locations, where they can be secured for sixty cents a pound (two pounds will plant one acre): Farmers Hardware & Supply Company, Boone; The Exchange, Banner Elk; The Commissary, Cranberry; Charles Baird, Newland; M. C. Honcutt, Burnsville; J. W. Howell, Green Mountain; Brite Tipton, Bakersville.

Rather than broadcasting, these seeds should be sown in drills so that the greens can be more easily weeded and readily harvested with a sickle. It is estimated that three crops of greens can be sold by each grower if they are planted not later than August 1st.

The Carolina Mountain Co-operative, whose temporary office is located at Banner Elk, will be glad to send bulletins, which are issued twice a month. Those interested should drop them a card asking that their names be added to the mailing list. This is open to residents of Avery, Mitchell, Watauga and Yancey counties.

Farthing Heads Farm Class at Cove Creek

Mr. G. C. Farthing of Sugar Grove has been named as head of the Agricultural Department at the Cove Creek High School, and will take over his work with the beginning of the next school year.

Mr. Farthing is a son of Mr. and Mrs. William Farthing, is a graduate of Berea College, where he was especially trained for his new position, and is eminently qualified to carry on the work in fine shape.

The Agricultural Department, which has been a feature of the work at Cove Creek for many years, was formerly headed by Mr. Howard Walker, who resigned to accept the county superintendency. Later a brother, Mr. J. R. Walker, was tendered the position, and declined in order that he might continue his work at Booneville High School, where he has been for six years. Agricultural instruction at Cove Creek has been a most valuable part of the school work, and will be added to the Boone School for the first time this fall.

RECORDER'S COURT

Following are the cases disposed of in Recorder's Court Tuesday, and the judgments handed down: W. M. Adams, A. G. Triplett, Paul Hanner, violation of prohibition laws, Adams fined \$50 and the costs, the other two being found not guilty. Clyde Hamby, assault with deadly weapon; \$50 and cost. Clyde Hamby, carrying concealed weapon; costs and six months suspended sentence. Eugene Triplett, resisting arrest; cost and six months suspended sentence. Tom Bumgarner, violation prohibition laws; five months on roads.