

BOONE SKETCHES

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MELODIOUS POLITICS!

Politics has at last blossomed forth pure as the rose, fragrant as the lily, free from the taint of derby-hatted ward-healers and scheming slysters. . . a game for women to play. . . beautiful women in beautiful gowns!

Over at the Young Democratic jubilee in Asheville it was just a case of politics set to music. . . an affectionate melody, so to speak. . . and the gorgeous queens of Carolina had their inning. . . no doubt about it! In hotel lobbies and assembly halls they flitted about with careless abandon discussing coming campaigns and past victories with genuine sophistication, cutting their little "eagles" loose with the choicest of political phraseology. . . praising NRA and TVA and ERE, and FDR and Mrs. FDR. . . just a New Deal like veteran dealers!

And it was a sight for sore eyes. . . an indication that the fair sex has at last accepted a degree of the responsibility of government. . . an indication that the "feminine touch" has been applied to politics—that much-cussed critter. And it's pow! pow! enjoyable when a fluffly little dame from 'way down east puts a pair of ruby lips at proper proximity to a hill-billy's left ear, and inquires about the "del-e-gate crop" in his county. . . refreshing as a dip in a mountain stream, yea, verily, so 'tis!

But this youth movement in the Democracy seems to have drawn a rather ancient crowd of males. . . in fact, "young" means from thirty-five to seventy-five. . . and the gray-beards who attend far exceed in number the beardless hopefuls. But the "boys" are not a bit jealous of the old folks. . . the stalwarts of Simons and Overman. . . the warriors who fought political battles 'way back in another century. . . are "infants" in the organization. . . they dictate a certain number of policies. . . they lend the wisdom of maturity to the fervent dash of youth. . . they kinda keep the boys in check!

"Farmer Bob" Doughton, fresh from a brief visit up in Alleghany County, strolls about the lobby of The Vanderbilt, takes Clyde Hoy by the arm. . . and they talk something over in confidential tones. An appetizing brunette standing close by speaks right out in the meeting. . . "There goes the next Governor of North Carolina!" . . . and she didn't mean the gentleman of long hair and cut-away coat! Mr. Doughton continues to grow in popularity, and he's looked on by many of the forecasters as a sure successor to John Christopher Blucher!

In the banquet hall the music of a "tucked-away" orchestra renders a "spasm" of "Happy Days". . . "Our Bob" Reynolds, pride of the Buncombe hills, is given a rousing cheer as he praises Roosevelt to the high heavens. . . Congressman Doughton, in characteristic form, lauds the recovery program, the which he has supported in every detail. . . And Senator Bailey, orator from away back yonder, lover and defender of the Constitution, lays aside his cigarette, dives right in and knocks 'em cold with a most beautiful "sermon" from a fitting text: "We Can Learn Lessons from Others!" Cheers, more rhythm. . . politics set to music!

In strolling about convention headquarters, you couldn't help noticing. . . that Governor Ehringhaus and his youthful wife are the handsomest couple in North Carolina. . . That Secretary Miller of the Doughton office is a mighty popular lad. . . That Bob Reynolds and Clyde Hoy know just exactly what the ladies like to hear. . . That Tom Cushing, organizer of the Watauga Republican Club, is a Democrat of first magnitude in Buncombe. . . That women smoke more cigarettes than men. . . That booze is not quite so plentiful as it used to be. . . That Miss Beatrice Cobb is 'way out in front for National Committeewoman. . . That job-seeking Democrats are still tagging after Congressmen and Senators. . . That ugly girls are uglier still in evening gowns. . . That dignified gentlemen, under proper circumstances, can lose their dignity. . . That "my distinguished colleague" is still being used by members of the Congress. . . That there is a certain amount of bunk and baloney and fun and frivolity about a political convention that you just can't find any place else!

ANNIVERSARY OF CHURCH DEDICATION TO BE SUNDAY

The anniversary of the dedication of St. Mark's Lutheran Church at Bailey's Camp will be observed next Sunday morning, says Rev. J. A. Yount, the pastor. The services will begin at 9:45 o'clock and several inspiring addresses will be delivered. A picnic style dinner will be served on the church grounds at the noon hour.

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INSTITUTE WILL TRAIN TEACHERS IN PHYSICAL ED.

Men and Women Given New Opportunity at Appalachian, Negligible Fee. Regular Physical Education Faculty to Conduct Classes. All Hold Degrees. Prompt Action Important. Not Over Fifty Accommodated.

An institute for teachers of Physical Education and coaches in the high schools and also in the consolidated elementary schools of the State was announced the first of the week as a new opportunity at Appalachian State Teachers College.

The Institute will begin at the College on August 14th and instruction will be offered in coaching basketball, first aid, rhythms, playground supervision and intramural activities. The only cost, according to announcement made by Eugene E. Garbee, director of Physical Education, will be a registration fee of one dollar per student. Rooms are furnished in the college dormitories and meals will be served at the central dining hall free of cost to the students.

Swimming pools and tennis courts will be available for use at all hours and special entertainment will be provided each evening after class work is over. Classes are to be conducted by the regular college physical education staff, all of whom hold Master's degrees or better in Physical Education.

Mr. Garbee points out that attendance at the institute will furnish an opportunity for a visit to the most beautiful mountain section of the State, a chance to get acquainted with the faculty of the college and more than five hundred summer school students that are teachers from all sections of the State, and an opportunity to secure materials and instruction that may be used every day during the next school year.

Only fifty students may be accommodated and prompt action is urged. All inquiries or applications are to be addressed to Eugene E. Garbee, director of Physical Education, Appalachian State Teachers College, Boone.

Orphanage Collection Will Be Taken on 12th

On August 12th the annual collection will be taken at the Blowing Rock Presbyterian Church for the benefit of the Grandfather Orphanage at Banner Elk. Assistance for the mountain child-rearing institution will be asked at the morning hour when Dr. James I. Vance of Nashville will preach.

Last year \$2,500 was secured, the highest figure being in 1930, when \$5,000 was contributed, and it is believed that this year's offering will be most gratifying.

Officials of the orphanage point out that peculiar interest develops because of the fact that all the children were residents of the immediate section of Western North Carolina and East Tennessee. There are 85 orphans, and during the depression all luxuries had to be curtailed in order that no debts might be incurred. However, at this time it is stated, no further curtailment of expenses is impossible, and the usual fine collection at Blowing Rock is hopefully looked forward to.

REVIVAL SERVICES TO BEGIN AT HENSON'S CHAPEL CHURCH

Revival services have been announced to begin at Henson's Chapel Methodist Church next Sunday evening, August 5th, at 8 o'clock. The pastor of the Watauga Charge, Rev. G. C. Graham, will be assisted by Rev. J. B. Fitzgerald, pastor of Walnut Grove Methodist Church. Services will be held at the church twice daily at 10:30 a. m. and 8 p. m. The visiting minister holds a reputation of very high standing in evangelistic work in the Western North Carolina conference. The public generally and all friends of the Church and Christian work are cordially invited and respectfully solicited to attend.

The Young People's Division of the Henson's Chapel Church will meet on next Friday evening, August 3rd, at 7 p. m., for a recreational and social program. Athletic games followed by a picnic supper and "yarn telling" will be some of the features. All of the group between the ages of 12 and 23 are expected.

Local Tire Concern Going Strong in Contest

Mr. A. E. Hodges, manager of the Hodges Tire Company, states that he is now holding second place in the district contest being conducted by the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company, the winner of which will receive a free trip to the World's Fair.

Mr. Hodges' concern stands next to Burlington in volume of sales since June 1st, and he is exceedingly proud of this standing in view of the fact that other towns with which he is competing are three or four times as large as Boone.

Wagon Trail Queen



Pocatello, Idaho.—The 100th Anniversary of the founding of Fort Hall on the Old Wagon Trail here is to be presided over this month by Queen Kerma Keller (above), a college sophomore.

LOCAL CLEANERS START NEW HOME

Modern Brick Structure to Be Begun Today and Will Be Occupied During Next Few Weeks. Lloyd Robbins of Blowing Rock in Charge.

The Hi-Land Dry Cleaners let the contract Tuesday evening to Lloyd Robbins of Blowing Rock for the immediate erection of brick quarters on Main Street near the upper Carolina Store. While W. L. Cook, manager of the local establishment, did not give out the contract price, he states that the building will be 50x25 feet, of modern brick construction, one story, with a story-high basement, and designed especially for the peculiar needs of the cleaning business.

Materials are expected to be delivered today in quantities and work will be pushed in order that the building may be occupied within the minimum length of time. The property was purchased from Ex-Sheriff C. M. Critcher.

The Hi-Land Cleaners have operated a popular establishment in Boone for the past eight years, and have been located in the Boone Clothing Company building. However, with the establishment of the Watauga Hardware Company in the same building, a removal was necessary, and Mr. Cook concluded he would erect a building thoroughly adequate to take care of his business, both from a standpoint of size and adaptability. Incidentally, it develops that with the occupation of the cleaning concern's former quarters, there is no vacant business building left in Boone.

HELD ON CHARGE HIGHWAY ROBBERY

Adam Hodges Jailed Last Week on Charges of Lenoir Men. Were Forced to Take Defendant for Ride. Two Others Arrested by Federal Men.

Adam Hodges was lodged in the county jail last Wednesday on a charge of highway robbery and assault, brought by two Lenoir citizens, Robert Sikes and one Tilley. According to the Sheriff's office, the plaintiffs had driven their car into "Death Valley," a local name given a section between the Blowing Rock road and Aho. They were accosted, it seems, by Adam Hodges and a companion, assaulted and forced at pistol points to drive their assailants back to the highway. One of the Lenoir men's clothes were reported as torn off, and they alleged that they were told if they reported the affair they would be killed. They henceforth proceeded upon release to Sheriff Howell, secured a warrant, and the arrest of Hodges followed soon.

Federal Officer Makes Coup. Sheriff Howell was accompanied on the trip by Marshal Walter Jones of Wilkes County, who arrested Ralph and Hal Teague on a charge of complicity in the near-fatal scalding of a Wilkes citizen last winter when he was thrown into a vat of boiling mash at a blockade still. They were given a hearing before Commissioner S. C. Eggers and Hal filled bond for \$500, while Ralph was held for the Federal Court in default of a five thousand dollar bond.

A FEAST OF GOOD THINGS

The Blanche Barris Mission Society of Cove Creek Baptist Church will give a watermelon feast on the church lawn Saturday, August 4th, from 7 to 10 o'clock p. m. Watermelon and ice cream, cake and lemonade will be served. There will be social games for the young people. A cordial welcome is extended to the public. Come and bring your friends and have a good time and help a good cause. The proceeds will be used for the benefit of the church.

Mr. and Mrs. Aris Mast and children, of Cleveland, Ohio, are spending a visit with his father, Mr. W. H. Mast, on Cove Creek. They will return to Cleveland Saturday.

STATE GETS THREE MILLION DOLLARS PARKWAY GRANTS

Section of Road Authorized Leading Near Roanoke to Blowing Rock. Final Check of Route Now Being Made. Congressman Doughton in Thick of Fight For Further Extension of Road Through Carolina.

Washington, July 28.—The national park service today allocated to North Carolina \$3,000,000 of the \$6,000,000 set aside by the public works administration for the commencement of the construction of the Shenandoah Great Smoky Mountains parkway which when completed will cost upwards of \$18,000,000. Virginia gets the other half.

The sections authorized for construction thus far are from the southern boundary of the Shenandoah national park to James river and from Aduy Gap, just south of Roanoke to Blowing Rock, N. C., the route to be followed thereafter, whether thru North Carolina or Tennessee to be decided during the fall.

Checking Route. It was stated today at the office of Thomas C. Vint, chief landscape architect of the park service, that as soon as the exact route had been approved in all details, that it would be turned over to the respective highway commissions of Virginia and North Carolina, so that they might proceed with the purchase of the land through which the Parkway will run. This approval is being rushed.

Representatives of the Park Service are now in North Carolina making the final check of the proposed route, and as soon as their reports have been received the maps and blue prints prepared by the Park Service will be sent to Chairman Jefferson of the North Carolina highway commission so that he and his representatives may begin to negotiate to purchase the property thru the tier of counties north of Blowing Rock for the Parkway.

As soon as the tracery of the route has been acquired, the states will in turn need the property to the way construction. The two areas which this Parkway will connect are not as yet national parks in the fullest sense. While the Great Smoky Mountains park is being administered by the National Park Service, according to the law it cannot be developed until a minimum of 400,000 acres has been turned over by North Carolina and Tennessee to the Federal government. It is expected that this area will soon be acquired and turned over, whereas plans are now being made at Richmond to turn to the Government the 165,000 acres to constitute the Shenandoah park.

Doughton Continues Fight for State. That the fight for the Parkway to conclude its extension on south through North Carolina has just begun, was indicated today by Representative Robert L. Doughton of Laurel Springs, who is chairman of the North Carolina committee which is managing the campaign.

"It appears to me that the logical route for the further extension of the Parkway is through North Carolina," said Mr. Doughton. "I have already called upon the Park Service and officials at the Department of the Interior, of which Mr. Ickes is secretary and given notice that North Carolina will urge the Western North Carolina route to the last. For the Parkway to veer west, now, by way of Roan Mountain, would deprive the traveling public of seeing the most picturesque and enchanting mountain scenery in the world. As soon as the matter is reached, the North Carolina committee will be ready to meet the issue."

Appalachian Is Famous for Training of Coaches

It is learned from Dr. J. D. Rankin chairman of the appointment committee, that Appalachian State Teachers College is attracting wide attention as a place to train coaches and teachers of physical education. The following coaching positions have recently been filled and calls from other schools are still coming in:

Pittsboro, Claude Smith; Grover, Paul Mosteller; Hallsboro, Sigmund Robeson; Salisbury, Tom Cash, Jr.; Sharon, Watt Deal; Cove Creek, Claud Pyatt; Sedge Garden, Edith Preston; Tryon, Paul Houser; Millers Creek, Hight Dotson; Dobson, Pauline Bingham.

These young men and young women have majors in Physical Education, in addition to their academic work.

HEAVY YIELD OF WHEAT

Mr. R. H. Vannoy of the Bamboo section was in town Saturday and states that on one acre and a half of land he raised this year forty-four and a half bushels of wheat, the remarkable part of the story being that no fertilizer was used. Mr. Vannoy would like to hear of a larger yield.

Opposes Sales Tax



J. Paul Leonard, who delivered an address in opposition to the sales tax at the courthouse last week. Mr. Leonard is secretary of the North Carolina Fair Tax Association.

BRUMMITT SPEAKS ON VITAL ISSUE

Attorney General to Present the Case Against Adoption of New Constitution at College Tonight. Maxwell Expected Here Later.

Hon. Dennis G. Brummitt, Attorney General for the State of North Carolina, will deliver an address at the auditorium of Appalachian State Teachers College tonight (Wednesday).

The subject to be discussed by Mr. Brummitt will be the "New Constitution," he having come to Boone from Asheville where he participated in a joint debate with Hon. A. J. Maxwell, Commissioner of Revenue, on the feasibility of the proposed changes in the organic law of the Commonwealth. Mr. Brummitt is vigorously opposing the change, while it is being espoused by Mr. Maxwell.

Officials at the College stated on Tuesday that it was likely Mr. Maxwell would speak in Boone next week in behalf of the constitutional change. Messrs. Brummitt and Maxwell are recognized as being among the ablest men of the State, and at the College it is hoped that as many people as possible will avail themselves of the opportunity of hearing the vital issues discussed by them.

Mr. Brummitt will speak promptly at eight o'clock and a cordial invitation has been extended to the general public.

NORRIS NAMED AS NEW LEGION HEAD

Member of the Staff of Local Post-office to Succeed Charles S. Stevenson as Commander of Watauga Hayes First Vice-Commander

J. Wilson Norris, popular employee at the Boone postoffice and for many years active in veterans' affairs, was named commander of Watauga Post American Legion last Friday and will succeed Charles S. Stevenson, who has headed the organization during the past year. R. I. Hanes and Fred Winkler were named first and second vice-commanders respectively, while Charles W. Teal is the new adjutant.

Other posts filled and the names of Legionnaires elected were: Finance and Membership Officer, Ralph Greer; Service Officer, Lionel Ward; Employment, W. C. Greene; Chaplain, W. C. Greene; Child Welfare, S. M. Miller; Historian, L. E. Wilson; Sergeant at Arms, John Cook; Athletic Officer, N. T. Cook; Grave Registration Officer, Richard E. Kelley; Director of Sons of Legion, W. L. Cook; Americanism, Charles Younce; Guardianship Officer, R. L. Gentry.

Seeks to Interest Women in New Deal

Mrs. Charles W. Tillett Jr., of Charlotte, who is spending the summer at Blowing Rock, was in town Tuesday in the interest of the Reporter Plan being sponsored by the State Democratic Executive Committee. Mrs. Tillett, who is state chairman of the movement, explains that twenty-two women are sought in each county, who will thoroughly acquaint themselves with some chosen phrase of President Roosevelt's recovery program, that the campaign is purely educational, and that no organizing abilities or oratorical powers are needed. The present goal will result in at least twenty-two hundred women in the State being thoroughly familiar with some phase of the New Deal.

The best farming and growing season in years is reported by farmers of Alleghany county who say they will produce the biggest crop of Irish potatoes in five years.

WARREN, LEONARD FIGHT SALES TAX AT BOONE MEETING

Democratic Candidate for Senatorship Seeks to Present the Average Man. Opposes Absentee Ballot Law and Machine Politics. Leonard Delivers Onslaught Against 3 Per Cent. Levy.

A small group of citizens gathered in the courthouse Friday evening to hear Hon. Dalton Warren, Democratic candidate for the State Senate, deliver an address against the sales tax and incidentally to enumerate some of the policies upon which he expects to be elected to the upper house of the General Assembly in the November elections.

At the appointed hour rain began to fall and this, together with the accompanying electrical disturbances, accounted for the fact that no more than two score persons gathered, but the speakers' arbor was not dampened and an enthusiastic meeting was held just as if the courthouse had been filled.

Mr. Warren, who won the Senatorial nomination last June in the face of powerful political opposition, loudly criticized the sales tax as a levy on poverty and asserted that 90 per cent of the people had been injured, and that the ten per cent benefits were made up of corporations, large planters and the like. He asserted that 75 new positions had been created in the revenue department as a result of the sales tax law, drawing individual salaries of \$1,800 in addition to automobile expenses.

Announcing the repeal of the sales tax as his first great cure when he goes to Raleigh, Mr. Warren vigorously denied that the public schools of the State would be closed by the abolition of the retail levy, as charged by its proponents, and called attention to the fact that the tax goes into the general fund of the State from which are drawn the expenses for all State institutions, and other routine expenses of government.

Assails Governor's Position. Turning his guns on Governor Ehringhaus, Mr. Warren charged that the Chief Executive is like the Irishman's flea—put your finger on him and take it up and he isn't there, and charged the Governor with having completely reversed his position on the sales tax. He also stated that the sales tax is not a part of the Democratic program in North Carolina, that it was not endorsed in the last convention, and that other means had to be found of taking care of the Governmental expenses.

Turning to the State Revenue Department, Mr. Warren charged that it employs 300 men, actually employed about two months in the year, and urged the handling of automobile tags by local authorities. He averred that ten men should be able to take care of the work in the Revenue Department and said that similar duties were performed in his home State of Mississippi by six employees.

Automobile tags are entirely too high, in the opinion of the speaker, who indicated that he would offer a bill in the next Legislature to reduce the auto license to from three to five dollars. He stated that there would be no loss of revenue in this movement, since many autos were not operated because of the excessive costs of tags, and that if they were allowed to consume gasoline on the highways the gain would outweigh the loss.

Opens Campaign

While Mr. Warren was speaking primarily on the sales tax his deliverance was taken as being one of the opening guns in his drive for the approval of the electorate. Referring to his nomination he declared that he is not a politician, doesn't want to be but "would like to be a statesman." He cited the need for honest capable men in the councils of State, and asserted that if elected he would not be dictated to, but would go to represent the average man, in behalf of whom he would urge a New Deal in North Carolina. Urging the restoration of the rights of the people, Mr. Warren was outspoken in his opposition to the convention system of nominating candidates, urged the naming of all candidates by primary, and expressed an unalterable opposition to the absentee ballot law.

Referring to the State Highway Commission as the State's greatest political machine, the speaker expressed the opinion that engineers are not needed for the maintenance work and urged a reorganization with that department in an effort to affect needed economies. Mr. Warren scored machine politics and promised to do his part toward returning the rights to the people. He gave his word that he would not play politics as a legislator and stated that his only (Continued on Page 8)

LEGION AUXILIARY MEETING

A special called session of the American Legion Auxiliary will be held on Saturday afternoon at three o'clock in the lobby of the Commercial Hotel for the election of officers for the coming year. All members are urged to be present.