

BOONE SKETCHES

By J. C. R.

Good-bye, Abe!

That "Sweet Chariot" . . . the resplendent Heaven-bound vehicle of negro lore . . . swung low over Boone Sunday evening . . . and a band of snow-white angels salvaged the smoldering wreckage of a half-burned shack for the immortal remains of poor old Abe Hewett . . . to the promised home across "Jordan" they bore as unselfish a spirit as ever dwelt in the bosom of man!

Children around town thought the world of Abe . . . the nickels and dimes he earned at odd-jobs were expended for blow-gum and candy and oranges . . . foolishness to "plug" the jaws of little folks along the street. He told them tales and made them toys and laughed away their childish sorrows! And the grown-ups respected Abe for his ability as a fixer-up of anything, for his wholesome philosophy of life, for his ready wit and charitable disposition. Our old colored friend knew "the unlaid way" to do most everything . . . kill hogs, cook possums, polish stoves, bed cabbage, plant flowers, mow lawns, trim shrubbery, kill rats, shine shoes . . . and he carried in his ragged garments the implements of a jack-at-all-trades. Just a simple suggestion that an unusual job had to be done started Abe on his duties . . . and the pay-off was the easiest sort of thing . . . a quarter for "a little coffee" or a dime "for some chewing tobacco."

Some folks are telling that Abe was fairly well liquored up when flames trapped him in his dingy hovel, all of which may be true . . . for the old darkey had been known to step from the straight and narrow on infrequent occasions. There may have been other minor social sins chronicled in the "big book" alongside the Hewett name . . . sins of a strictly personal nature, for the venerable black treated his friends kindly and stayed away from those he disliked. But surely the "Old Master," with whom Abe held secret "conferences" all along, will weigh carefully the fruits of his simple, inoffensive pilgrimage . . . and mete out a reward commensurate to his diligent stewardship.

And if we're so fortunate as to reach that Golden Strand, we "sorta" entertain a belief and a hope that we'll see Abe Hewett, colored, pipe in mouth, broom in hand . . . strolling along the shinny streets, picking up heavenly litter dropped by indigent cherubins, rubbing stardust from the pearly gates . . . and offering advice, the "onliest kind" of advice, to his beaming neighbors.

That Election

The country was saved . . . for somebody . . . on November 6th . . . but every now and then some guy pops up with a powerful hard question, to-wit: "For whom?" . . . and most all the answers are the same, to-wit: "For Roosevelt!" Well, we just aren't smart enough to analyze the situation, but it does appear that this lad from Hyde Park has just about captured the public imagination . . . and in order to be elected for most anything this year, a candidate had to endorse the "Roosevelt method of contract" lock-stock-and-barrel. Jefferson, Jackson, Wilson and the likes of 'em furnished few of the "cute little sayings" of 1934 campaign orators . . . yessir, they forsook former party idols, and told Mr. and Mrs. Public what Mr. Roosevelt thought about everything . . . drought, famine, stock-markets, cabbage, beans and pigs. A few Republicans were elected to the United States Senate, a few more to the Lower House . . . but pretty nearly every one of those old boys that hobbled in had to promise his constituency that he loved the Administration, or, at least, wouldn't fight it even a little bit! Here in Watauga the New Deal wasn't presented to the voters very fluently . . . and a batch of Republicans pretty nigh slipped into office . . . which shows how easy it is to lose an election any more.

Mr. Roosevelt has certainly outgrown the party. He's about the most popular leader the nation ever produced. But a lot of we Democrats are afraid that if he should be snatched out of the picture, we'd have about the same kind of party we had in 1924. Yes, it's funny how he's retaining his grip on the voters, both Democratic and Republican . . . they just glance down a ballot, vote for the man who votes with Roosevelt, and "sneer" the guy who has other notions. A fellow told us the other day that if Roosevelt had been President back in 1860 the negroes would have been freed without the loss of a pint of blood; if he'd been President in '98 a couple of his brain-trusters could have settled the dispute with Spain in a couple of hours; and if he'd been running the show in 1919, we'd have signed the covenant of Versailles in three or four places! Which ain't far from wrong!

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Federal Reserve Head



Washington, D. C.—Marriner S. Eccles (above), Ogden, Utah, banker who has been serving as Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, is the new Governor of the Federal Reserve Board. His appointment by President Roosevelt was to fill the vacancy in the return of Eugene Black as Governor of the Atlanta Federal Reserve Bank.

FLAMING SHACK IS FUNERAL PYRE FOR POPULAR NEGRO

Abe Hewett Burned to Death as Fire Sweeps Through Ramshackle Tenement, Sunday Night Blaze Brought Under Control Without Damage to Nearby Buildings. Town's Handy-Man Buried in Catawba County.

The charred body of Abe Hewett, 57-year-old Boone negro, was taken from the ruins of his makeshift dwelling early Sunday night, after firemen had succeeded in quenching the flame which threatened destruction of adjacent properties west of the relief office. The tiny shack, which was located close to the rear of the Christian Tin Shop, was a mass of flame when the fire company answered the call, and presumably was ignited as the aged negro went about preparing his evening repast. No thought of his being in the ramshackle structure as the fire raged was entertained by spectators, and an afterthought of one of the firemen resulted in the discovery of the body, horribly distorted and burned practically beyond recognition.

Foul Play Suspected

The building, which was originally a cheap private garage and which did not have a floor, had been occupied by the negro for several months, and at first suggestion of foul play was made, as apparently it would have been an easy matter for him to have escaped. Accordingly, Deputy Coroner Cliff McConnell held an inquest Monday when it was found that no bruises existed on the body.

Two sons, Victor Hewett of Baden and Lee Hewett of Pomona Mills, came to town Tuesday and conveyed the body to McKenzie's Grove, in Catawba County, for interment.

Abe Hewett was 57 years old and a native of Catawba County. He came here from Rowan several years ago, and had made many friends of the white people of the town, who respected him for his willingness to work, and liked him for his funny and eccentric characteristics. He tended the lawns of the town in summer, did gardening, and was the city's general handy-man and jack-of-all-trades.

KILLED IN CAR WRECK

Mr. R. R. Hodges received a telegram Saturday stating that his nephew, Jake Hodges, of Cisco, Texas, had been fatally injured in an automobile wreck on Thursday of last week. Burial took place at Paris, Texas, on Sunday. Mr. Hodges was a son of the late Jake Hodges, who moved from Watauga to Texas many years ago.

MRS. MAUDE M. CHADSEY TO SPEAK AT ADVENTIST CHURCH

Mrs. Maude M. Chadsey of Boston, Mass., president of the Woman's Home and Foreign Mission Society, will speak in the Advent Christian Church next Sunday evening at 7 o'clock. Mrs. Chadsey is a very talented lady and has traveled much in foreign mission fields. Her message will be an interesting one.

Rev. Kenneth Barrs will speak at the 11 o'clock services. The public is cordially invited to attend both services.

The value of a crop rotation with legumes has proven valuable in Alexander County where corn yields have increased from eight to sixty bushels an acre since the work started a few years ago.

FUTURE COURSE OF GOVERNMENT PUZZLES WRITER

Democrat's Special Washington Correspondent Surmises as to the Future of Administration. Discredits Gossip that Republican Party Is Dead. Says Democratic Party Survived Similar Defeats.

Washington, D. C.—Now that there has been time to take a long breath and analyze the election returns, political Washington—and there isn't anything in Washington that isn't political—has resumed its favorite pastime, which is guessing what is going to come next. The three brain-teasers over which the soothsayers and self-appointed prophets are puzzling at the moment, are:

What will the Administration try next in its effort to get workers on the relief rolls and the wheels of business rolling full speed again?

Will the new Congress eat out of the President's hand like the old one, or will it take the bit in its teeth and jump over the traces?

What is there ahead for the Republican Party?

Curiously enough, the answers to that last question are easier to guess than the others. The man in the street is saying that the Republican party is dead. The same unthinking folk were saying the same thing about the Democratic party in 1920—not to go any further back—and again in 1924 and 1928. But the real students of politics point out that great political parties are not "killed" by one or two or even a dozen defeats.

G. O. P. Roots Still Deep

The wise ones are pointing out that, although only 28 of the 47 millions of registered voters went to the polls on November 6th, 12 millions of them voted the Republican ticket pretty nearly straight. And there are plenty of county and town boards that are still solidly Republican. It is from local units that any national party derives its strength. The roots of the Republican party are still pretty deep in the soil. It was only the upper branches, including a good many dead limbs, that were killed in the Democratic landslides of 1932 and 1934.

In the inner circle of forward-looking Republican leadership there are few tears being shed over the defeat of Senator Reed in Pennsylvania and several other members of the "Old Guard" elsewhere. This loss simplifies the job of reorganizing the party.

Looking for Leaders

Where the leadership will be lodged it is too early to predict. At the moment the "white hope" of the Republicans is Arthur H. Vanderburg of Grand Rapids, Mich., just re-elected to the Senate. In the party ranks this newspaper editor has made a name for himself. He was the party's candidate for President Pro Tem when the Senate of the 73rd Congress was organized, and is chairman of the legislative committee of the Senate minority. He is distinctly a Liberal in his political outlook, and he has the geographical advantage of hailing from the Middle West.

The fact that Republican leaders are pinning their faith on Senator Vanderburg is sufficient indication of their realization that the party must throw the "die-hards" and the Eastern "big business" interests overboard if it hopes to survive as an efficient party. And such examination of the personnel of the new Congress as has been possible thus far indicates that there will be plenty of Radical proposals for Liberals, by whatever party name they call themselves, to oppose.

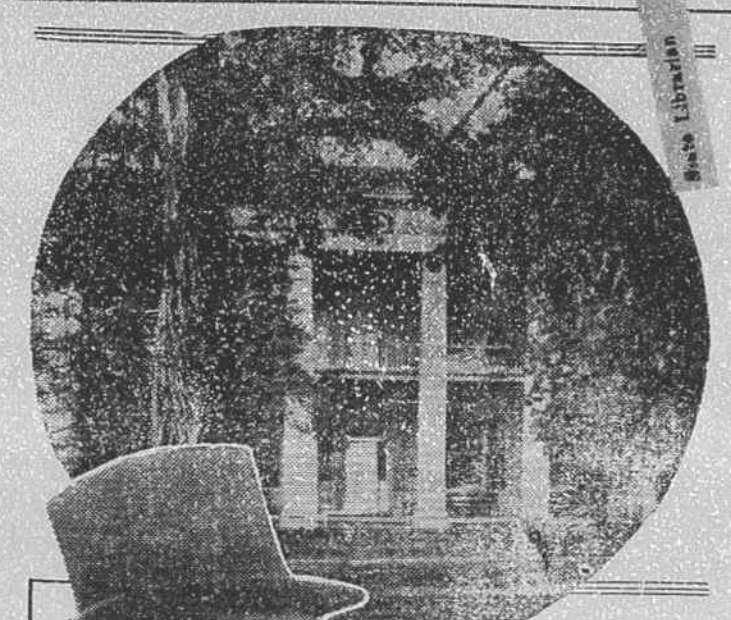
Stronger Bloc Looms

The indications are that there will be stronger "blobs" than have ever been seen on Capitol Hill, urging inflation of the currency, government control of credit and banking, wild universal pension schemes (there are expected to be ten million signatures on the petition for the adoption of the Townsend plan for giving everybody over 60 a pension of \$200 per month), immediate payment of the veterans' bonus, tax schemes of the "soak-the-rich" variety and, of course, projects for vastly greatly Government spending than have yet been dreamed of.

The President's major task, political wiseacres predict, will be to control this tendency to run wild on the part of Congress. Reports credited here are that he would like to see Representative Sam Rayburn of Texas in the Speaker's chair vacated by the death of Speaker Rainey. Mr. Rayburn is regarded as a strong character and a sound politician. He was the President's right arm in getting the Stock Exchange Control Bill and the Securities act through the last Congress. But back-slapping Joe Eyrns of Tennessee has a lot of members pledged to himself. It looks like a scrap.

Middle age is a state of mind rather than a chronological reckoning—Geo. W. Coleman.

Roosevelt at Southern Home of Andrew Jackson



Nashville, Tenn.—In his swing through the South to personally inspect the Government's huge Tennessee Valley development projects and a stop at Harrodsburg, Ky., President Franklin D. Roosevelt paused here to visit "The Hermitage," state-owned shrine of the Old South, the home of Andrew Jackson, built in 1823. Photo shows the lovely old mansion where lived the former President Andrew Jackson. Insert is of President Roosevelt who has followed in the steps of other Presidents in visiting the shrine.

DAN YATES WANTED ON MURDER COUNT WATAUGA BANK TO PAY AGAIN ON 30TH

Former Wataugan Charged with the Slaying of Clay County Man, and \$150 Is Posted for His Capture. Bloodhounds Lose Trail.

A reward of one hundred and fifty dollars has been offered for the capture of Dan Yates, former Wataugan and of late years a resident of Clay County, who is charged with the slaying of Emory Duckworth, 35, another resident of that section.

The information which came from Hayesville on Saturday indicates that one hundred dollars of the reward has been authorized by Clay County and the other fifty dollars by J. C. Duckworth, brother of the slain man.

R. L. Long, Sheriff of Clay County, said that Yates is believed to be hiding somewhere in Georgia, as bloodhounds followed his trail into North Georgia. After the trail was followed some distance it was lost, Yates apparently having entered an automobile.

The body of Duckworth was found on a road near his home about noon last Wednesday. He was shot in the mouth with a load from a shotgun, but no information has reached The Democrat as to what evidence connected Yates with the homicide.

The hunted man was reared in Watauga County, is well known throughout this section and is described as being 50 years of age, five feet nine inches tall, and weighs about 220 pounds. He is said to have been once tried here for the slaying of Jack McGuire of Poga, and sentenced to seven years in the penitentiary, but was pardoned shortly afterwards.

SINCLAIR TO HOLD DEC. COURT TERM

An Exchange of Courts Arranged for Judges Sinclair and Moore. Sixty-Nine Cases Will Be Tried at Special Term Which Begins on 3rd.

An exchange of courts for Judge N. A. Sinclair and Judge Clayton Moore was approved Monday by Governor Ehringhaus. Under the new arrangement Judge Sinclair will hold Watauga's special term which convenes in Boone on December 3rd, instead of Judge Moore, as had been previously announced.

The calendar for the two-weeks term, which is now in the hands of the printer, contains sixty-nine cases which are scheduled to be tried during the two weeks. No criminal actions will be taken up, the term having been scheduled for the sole purpose of clearing the congestion on the civil docket.

THANKSGIVING DINNER

An old-fashioned Thanksgiving dinner will be given by the Willow Valley Community Club at Willow Valley schoolhouse on Saturday, November 24th, noon until 4 p. m. Price, adults 20c, children 10c.

Mr. Rimmel Porter of Harmony, Arkansas, arrived in Boone Friday, where he expects to spend the next several months.

HILL RESIGNS POST TO EARN LIVING; PLACE NOT FILLED

Principal of Boone High School, in Tendering Resignation, Says That Landlord and Groceryman Must Be Paid. Goes to Mount Airy as Sales Manager for Auto Concern. Dotson, Farthing Mentioned as Successor.

Professor Guy H. Hill, for more than two years principal of the Boone High School, in tendering his resignation to the Board of Education, tells The Democrat that he is forced to give up his life's work in order to earn a living for his family. He will go to Mount Airy, where he is to be sales manager for the Eastern Auto Supply Company, his resignation to be effective as of December 1st.

Mr. Hill says that his salary was to have been supplemented by the college for extra work he is doing, but that the landlord and the grocer must have their pay as they go, and that it is impossible for him to support his family. He gives The Democrat the following statement:

Reasons for Resignation

"The reason for my resignation is that I cannot support my family on my present salary. I was promised a supplement from the college for teaching two Education classes and directing the student teaching in the high school, but thus far no supplement has been given to me, and the first quarter of the college year has passed. I feel sure that the promise of the supplement is good, but my groceryman and my landlord say that I must pay, and pay as I go."

Mr. Hill came to Boone two and one-half years ago as principal of the high school, and has bent his every effort toward the improvement of the educational facilities of the town. He expresses keen regret that after 18 years of preparatory work, he must venture into other fields for sustenance.

A new principal has not yet been appointed, but indications are that the position will go either to Prof. E. S. Christenbury, Professor Charles Farthing, or Prof. Roy Dotson.

Mrs. Carpenter Dies At Pineola Tuesday

Mrs. J. C. Carpenter, 84 year old resident of Montezuma, died at Pineola Tuesday morning after an illness of only a few days. Funeral services will be conducted from the Southern Methodist Church at Montezuma at 1:30 Thursday and interment will take place in that community.

Surviving are the following children: O. W. Carpenter, Portland, Ore.; Alonzo Carpenter, Long Beach, Cal.; Mrs. Sherman Calloway, Pineola; Mrs. Mack Luttrell, Boone; Mrs. Cam Sherrod of Maryland; Mrs. Claude Hughes, Newland. Two brothers also survive: Mr. Newt Banner of Sugar Grove and Mrs. C. C. Banner of Montezuma.

Mrs. Carpenter was reared at Banner Elk, a member of one of this section's most prominent families, and had a number of relatives still residing in that section. She had visited in years past with her daughter, Mrs. Luttrell, in Boone, where she had made a wide circle of friends.

The Half Circle B ranch recently established in Buncombe County plans to distribute some of its cattle among 4-H boys of the county at reasonable prices.

HAVE YOU JOINED THE RED CROSS?

If not, you are missing an opportunity to join with your fellow citizens in carrying on the work of this great institution the services of which include: Disaster Relief, First Aid, Life Saving, Assistance to Veterans, Public Health Nursing, Home Hygiene, Junior Red Cross and Volunteer Work.

The workers report a hearty response which seems to indicate that Watauga County will surpass her quota of two hundred.

A word of appreciation is due the merchants for their help. Special attention is called to the Red Cross window in the Mullins and Clay Grocery. It is extremely simple, yet striking for that very reason. Mr. Mullins gave an entire window to this display and his generosity deserves special mention.

Below is a partial list of members enrolled. The remainder will be printed next week:

Rev. J. A. Yount, Mrs. F. W. McCracken, A. D. Wilson, Helen Underdown, A. E. South, W. H. Walker, City Meat Market, Mrs. J. L. Qualls, R. F. McDade, Watauga Drug Store, David Greene, Mrs. W. F. Miller, Mrs. R. D. Hodges, Johnson-Stewart Company, M. B. Craven, A. S. Harris, R. W. McGuire, A. E. Hodges, Dr. J. B. Hagaman, Dr. W. M. Matheson, Mrs. R. M. Greene, E. N. Hahn, E. C. Widenhouse, C. C. Rogers, Smith's Store, Kenneth Linney, Dr. George K. Moore.

Predicts High Prices For Burley Tobacco

Mr. L. H. Bane of the Neil, Dixon and Bane warehouse at Abingdon, Va., was a business visitor in town Wednesday and tells The Democrat that indications are Burley growers will share some of the good fortune which attended the sale of the warehoused leaf. Mr. Bane says that warehouseman are freely predicting an average of twenty cents per pound for the weed grown locally, and says in order to reach such an average, many choice baskets will have to bring as much as forty and forty-five cents per pound. He says he finds growers in enthusiastic support of the crop reduction and believes that if the matter were re-submitted, 99 per cent of the growers would freely and voluntarily sign the AAA agreement.

Mr. Bane says the Abingdon warehouses open on December 3rd and that they expect to handle a large part of the local crop.

BURLEY GROWERS TO MEET TUESDAY

Abingdon Chamber of Commerce Sponsors Gatherings for Benefit of Tobacco Growers. Speakers to Discuss Marketing Problems.

The Abingdon Chamber of Commerce provides the sponsorship for a meeting of the Burley tobacco growers of this county, which is scheduled to be held in the courthouse in Boone next Tuesday at 11 o'clock at which time eminent authorities will discuss tobacco growers' problems, especially from a marketing viewpoint. A brass band will furnish music for the occasion and \$25 in cash will be given away at the meeting.

All those interested in disposing of their Burley for the high dollar are asked to attend the meeting, more specific details of which appear in a large ad. on page eight of The Democrat today.