

BOONE SKETCHES

By J. C. R.

BRUNO HAUPTMANN, convicted kidnap-slayer of Baby Lindbergh, has dropped from the public prints. Today he occupies a cell on "death row" at New Jersey's State prison . . . a drab, colorless figure, divested of the natty gray suit, the harmonizing tie and kerchief, the fetching smile and pleasing demeanor that were his during those spectacular weeks of the trial at Flemington. The church thief of Kamenz, whom twelve supposedly honest men and women selected as the perpetrator of America's number one crime, languishes in his dreary quarters . . . and readers of the daily press seek elsewhere for those sensational morsels of news which have become such an important element in the Nation's breakfast . . . even as ham 'n' eggs! Millions of people concur in the death sentence dished out to the stolid Bruno . . . other millions cling to a belief that the condemned man has fallen victim to an inexplicable chain of circumstances. However this may be, a glance at the expense sheet of the State of New Jersey, which in its successful effort to atone a deplorable tragedy used seven hundred thousand dollars from its public funds, is sufficient to convince an average dumb-bell that Hauptmann was not on trial for the slaying of an ordinary child . . . but, to the contrary, was called upon to give his life as a sort of down payment on a crime which deprived the Commonwealth of a most unusual baby . . . the son of an idolized ocean flier, the grandson of a Morgan partner. Now, honest, does anyone believe for a moment that New Jersey would have gone to all that trouble had baby Manfred, son of Bruno and Anna Hauptmann, suffered a similar fate?

CHARLIE JONAS, Republican representative from Lincoln County, is due a couple of orations at least for the magnanimous gesture which he casually tossed in the direction of Cameron Morrison one day last week, as a bellicose General Assembly debated the advisability of inviting the former Governor-Senator to address a joint session of that body. Mr. Jonas, who as most everyone knows was literally given a "bum's rush" by the then Senator Morrison from the position of United States District Attorney, slowly arose from Seat Number 17 . . . which, quite incidentally, was hand-picked for a Lincolnian Democrat, and which, also, has caused considerable controversy. In essence, these are the words he uttered: "Gentlemen, if there's a man in North Carolina who has a right to hate Cam Morrison, it is I . . . but despite his many mistakes, he possesses certain elements of statesmanship, and I, for one, think it's all right to let the old gentleman address us!" Sportsmanship of such rare quality is soothing to the soul of man . . . and it's a safe bet that while the "Bage of Sharon" was tearing his pantaloons into smithereens as he caused Capitol Hill to ring with ill-timed invectives, a neighbor from over in Lincoln was spinning some strong yarn for coming political campaigns.

TRACY COUNCIL and Watt Gragg, Democrat and Republican respectively, are generally believed to be angling for the Ninth District seat in Congress which has been warmed for more than a quarter-century by "Farmer Bob" Doughton, if and when the Alleghany County man relinquishes his hold on the coveted office. Seeing as how the primary . . . if one should occur . . . is only sixteen months away, it might be a good idea for these local aspirants to start familiarizing themselves with a few of the questions which are likely to be asked during the campaign. And we list a half-dozen of the very simplest . . . but, remember, the answers will have to be fairly accurate if rosy dreams of high position materialize: . . . Do you favor the Townsend plan of old-age pensions? . . . Do the teachings of Huey P. Long arouse indignation or praise in your bosoms? . . . Did you sign a petition condemning the McCarran amendment to the Work Relief Bill? . . . Do you expect to affiliate with your own political party or take off with a jack-ass bloc? . . . Are you in sympathy with that portion of the AAA which calls for reduction of the turnip acreage in Minnesota? . . . Should the Federal Government continue to dole out cash, grub and blankets to those who are allegedly unemployed? Gentlemen, get busy . . . and be sure to promise the right thing!

TINCE, a little dog of doubtful lineage who for the past three years has been an inseparable companion of Dr. B. B. Dougherty, was run down by an automobile Monday evening as he and his master strolled along Main Street. The kindly college president was deeply moved by the canine tragedy . . . for Tince was as loyal a friend as man ever had . . . he wagged his tail sympathetically, unable to utter the words of humankind, as the man whom he'd chosen for his keeper was faced with sorrow . . . he sat with under-

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STATE MERCHANTS BACK McDONALD'S REVENUE MEASURE

Finance and Appropriations Bodies Wrestle With Bills. Many Hearings Are Held.

CAM MORRISON ASSAILS LIQUOR CONTROL BILL

Young Democratic Organization and Bob Reynolds Scored by Former Governor in Raleigh Speech.

By M. R. DUNNAGAN (Special Correspondent)

RALEIGH, N. C.—Comedy, tragedy, strategy and beauty relief were given in the General Assembly circles last week by the wet-dry forces, the beauticians and other groups, but the serious business continued to be centered in the finance committee handling the revenue matters, and the Appropriations committee, both of which were battling all the week with troublesome matters.

The Finance Committee had before it early in the week amendments coming from the McDonald-Lumpkin proposals to eliminate the sales tax, and the joint committees heard from many groups during the five days of hearings. Several corporations and other groups opposed the amendments on the ground that they would throttle industries and activities in the State.

Directors of the N. C. Merchants Association, led by Willard L. Dowell, secretary, endorsed the McDonald-Lumpkin plan "in purpose and principle," in resolutions unanimously adopted at a meeting here, before which Dr. McDonald, of Forest, leader of the plan, appeared. The proposal includes a license (sales) tax of one-fourth of one per cent on gross retail sales, in addition to franchise and other taxes.

Divergent views are expressed on progress of the McDonald-Lumpkin plan, some saying it is gaining in favor with the committee, others that it is losing ground. Hope is expressed that the revenue measure can be reported out of committee by the end of this week, but many doubt if that can be done.

The Appropriations Committee, meanwhile, have almost finished their work and with occasional hearings of groups—a new one of \$25,000 for the N. C. Symphony Orchestra, now supported by Federal funds—is marking time. It has approved appropriations of two or three million dollars more than the Budget Commission recommended, and may have to back track. However, the Revenue and Appropriations groups will attempt to strike an estimated balance.

Aftermath of Liquor Hearing
Interesting aftermaths are developing from the hearing last week on Senator Hill's liquor control bill. Former Governor-Senator Cameron Morrison, as chief spokesman for the drys, jumped on Senator R. R. Reynolds, who defeated him, and the young Democrats, who, he thinks, contributed to that defeat.

Later a joint resolution inviting Mr. Morrison to address a joint session of the Assembly was proposed. The Senate adopted it with one "no" vote (Continued on Page 3)

Meeting of Home Makers and Farmers

The Agricultural and Home Economics Departments of Boone High School are joint sponsors for a meeting of farmers and home-makers to be held at the school building Friday evening, March 1, at 7:30 o'clock.

The sponsors are very anxious for farmers to get together at this time for a discussion of some of their problems in the way of fertilizing, controlling insects and diseases, livestock improvement and the other things that you are interested in. Home-makers are asked: "Does your family get tired of eating potatoes, spuds and taters?" Maybe some one can tell you how to disguise them. A full attendance at the meeting is urged.

standing ears attuned to the aggravating questions which plagued the every-day walks of a busy man . . . he attended meetings where wise patriarchs and not-too-wise youngsters argued matters of high finance, and maybe his understanding surpassed that of many a councilor . . . with the simple, unpolished devotion which is characteristic of the dog family, he trotted down Life's Highway. . . Of course, the death of Tince wasn't of major importance . . . but there's always an element of sadness when a fellow loses a close friend! Our sympathy is extended, Dr. Dougherty, you once owned a dog, ourselves!

A baby son was born to Mrs. Nina Hughes, 27, on a station platform while she waited for an elevated train to take her to a Chicago hospital.

Crown Prince of Swat Wants More Money

Lou Gehrig Expected to Ask Yank Owners for Big Raise



NEW YORK—Henry L. "Lou" Gehrig (above), ace slugger of the New York Yanks is now getting the attention of fans as reports indicate he will not sign without a big increase in salary, having waited years for Ruth to vacate the big money throne.

ALLEGED STORE BREAKERS BOUND

Justice Hahn Sends Two Accused of Critcher Store Robbery to Superior Court.

Ralph Gilley and Grady Hartley, Bamoo residents, were bound to the Superior Court by Justice Hahn last Thursday, on charges growing out of the robbery of the T. L. Critcher store at Bamoo several weeks ago. Justice Hahn asked bond in the sum of one thousand dollars each for the defendants, which could not be filled.

Evidence presented by the State was of sufficient strength to bring the verdict from the Justice promptly after taking of evidence closed, and there was no argument by attorneys. The case, which is attracting considerable interest, came into being after the Sheriff's officers had found the safe, which was removed from the building, its entire contents un-molested, including among other valuables about five hundred dollars in currency.

Boone High School Boys Hear Secretary Wallace

The Daniel Boone Chapter of Future Farmers sent four of its members to Asheville last Saturday to attend the annual speaking contest sponsored by the F. F. A. in the Western section of the State.

The boys made a very good showing for the new department of Boone High School but did not bring back "the bacon."

They were among the eleven hundred to hear Henry A. Wallace, secretary of Agriculture, make his first speech in this section of the country.

Douglas Harrison represented the chapter in public speaking while Johnnie Perry, John Farthing and Ruard Norris identified and judged the seed. Robert G. Shipley, agricultural teacher, accompanied the delegation.

Lenoir-Rhine Players to Present Comedy in City

The Lenoir-Rhine Playmakers are to present "Skidding," a comedy in three acts, by Aauronia Rouverol, on next Monday, March 4th, at the Demonstration School auditorium. There will be two performances, the first in the first in the afternoon at 3 o'clock for college students. The second will be at 8 p. m. for citizens of the town and county.

Wit, humor, pathos, are all combined in the proper proportion in "Skidding." Critics declare "there is a laugh in every line. Admission prices will be 15c to students for afternoon performance; 25c for evening; children 10c.

The Playmakers are being sponsored by the Lutheran Church of Boone. Everybody is cordially invited to help make the afternoon and evening performances a success.

Time for Signing Weed Contracts Almost Gone

Tobacco growers who wish to sign reduction contracts for this year must do so immediately, if they wish to share in the benefits, according to Mr. W. H. Walker. Mr. Walker states that only those growing tobacco in 1931, 1932 and 1933 are eligible to sign, but is emphatic in stating that the executed contracts must be in his hands at once.

BUILDING & LOAN STOCK TARGET OF WATAUGA SOLON

Swift Would Make Prepaid Shares in B. & L. Taxable Throughout State.

PROPOSAL IS MET WITH LOCAL COUNTER-ACTION

Stiff Opposition Develops in This Section. State Organization Arranges for Hearing on Friday.

A rather aggressive local opposition has developed to a measure introduced in the General Assembly by Representative Dean Swift of Watauga County, which would make paid-up shares in Building and Loan associations taxable, the same as any other personal property. First information of the proposal was gathered by The Democrat from bulletins issued through the secretary of the North Carolina Building and Loan League, and forwarded to all the more than two hundred member institutions of the State.

Subsequently Building and Loan officials, shareholders and others not directly interested in the organization began to manifest a decidedly belligerent attitude toward the Swift bill, and arrangement is being made to have a local delegation oppose the offering before the Banking Committee Friday morning. At the same time the State Building and Loan League, through its legislative committees, is getting its house in order for a last ditch struggle to have the proposed legislation killed in committee.

Local Attitude

The local contention is that the Building and Loan as a community and county enterprise has contributed more to the upbuilding of this section than any other institution, that 265 homes have been constructed through its finances, and that more than half of the people in Boone are housed under roofs made possible by the agency. At the same time, only a few business houses of the town have been able to develop their institutions without the aid of the association. Those opposing the measure point out that should there be a small amount of tax-dodging money in the Building and Loans, the banks have vast sums of the same kind of lucie, and that furthermore, if this money is forced from home-building channels, it can easily be transferred into government, State, municipal bonds, or an endless number of securities which cannot be reached by the tax-gatherer, and the home-builder deprived of its use.

Similar proposals, it is found, have met committee-room defeat, and there is no feeling here or in State-wide building and loan circles that the Swift measure can hope to survive.

The bill, which was introduced last week, is entitled "An act to require listing for taxation paid-up stock in Building and Loan Associations." It follows:

The Swift Bill
"The General Assembly of North Carolina Do Enact:

"SECTION 1. That at the time of the annual listing of property for taxation, each owner of paid-up stock in any building and loan association in North Carolina shall list said stock for taxation at its par value in the county where the owner resides, and said stock shall be subject to the same rate of taxation as other property in said county.

SECTION 2. That all laws and clauses of laws in conflict with the provisions of this act are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. That this act shall be in full force and effect from and after its ratification.

SHERIFF MAKES WHISKEY HAUL

Large Copper Still Falls Into the Hands of Officers. Much Beer Has Been Destroyed.

A large copper still together with 125 gallons of beer constituted the results of a raid made in the bend of New River east of Boone by Sheriff Howell and his deputies Monday.

Last week the same officers, with Federal revenueurs, captured a large outfit just over on the Wilkes side. Four thousand eight hundred gallons of beer was destroyed.

In addition to these seizures the Sheriff reports the capture of two Bristol men, their automobile and ten gallons of liquor. Those arrested, whose names are not given, were incarcerated.

TO ASSIST TAXPAYERS

Mr. G. H. Holmes, collector of the State Department of Revenue, will be at the clerk's office in the courthouse all day Tuesday, March 5th, for the purpose of assisting income taxpayers in preparing their returns.

Radio Dancer Offers a Brand-New Idea

Sally O'Brien Uses Miniature "Mike" to Catch Action



CHICAGO—Sally O'Brien, radio tap dancer, above, went into her act with something new this week. A miniature microphone was suspended from her leg to catch the detail steps of her tap-dancing.

EARLY HEARINGS FOR POTATO BILL

Quick Action Promised on Measure Introduced in House by Lindsay Warren.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Early hearings were promised on the potato control bill introduced in the House Thursday by Representative Lindsay Warren, Democrat of North Carolina.

The measure, which would make potatoes a basic commodity, was referred to a House agriculture sub-committee headed by Representative Garden of Kentucky.

Warren said hearings might begin some time this week. The bill, as introduced, was approved by a committee representing potato growers in 21 states. It was drafted by the Farm Administration. Growers would be given sales quotas and all potatoes sold outside the allotments would be taxed 75 cents a hundred pounds.

Warren said so far opposition has come only from those who always have been opposed to agricultural control legislation.

He was hopeful of early approval by Congress, saying quick action would be necessary if the bill is to have any effect on potato prices this year.

Warren has been joined by Representatives from Maine, Idaho, Wisconsin, Virginia and South Carolina in the fight to make the measure law.

A. R. Barlowe Passes

A. Russell Barlowe, prominent Lenoir resident and well known to many Watauga County people, died Sunday afternoon after a long period of declining health. He was 51 years of age.

Funeral services were conducted from the First Baptist Church Monday afternoon, and interment was at Lower Creek Baptist Church. Rev. R. E. Hardway of the First Baptist was in charge, assisted by Rev. A. A. McLean, Presbyterian minister, and Rev. W. R. Barnes of the Lower Creek Baptist Church.

A large number of friends and relatives attended the funeral and the profuse floral offering attested the high esteem in which Mr. Barlowe was held.

Born on Zach's Fork, August 11th, 1883, Mr. Barlowe was the son of the late W. Horton Barlowe and Elmira Suddreth Barlowe. As a young man he was associated with the late J. M. Bernhardt in the lumber business, later becoming carrier of the mails on Route 1, Lenoir. For 26 years and 10 months Mr. Barlowe served his patrons faithfully and was always considered an accommodating carrier. Ill health forced his retirement last fall.

In addition to these duties Mr. Barlowe operated a sand pit near Lenoir and was a successful farmer.

He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Lenoir.

Surviving the deceased are his widow, nee Miss Texie Horton of Vilas, Watauga County, and four children: Scottie Sue, Myra Olene, Jewel Jeanette and David Horton Barlowe.

Those attending the obsequies from Watauga County were: Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Horton, S. F. Horton, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Horton, J. M. Horton, Mrs. N. L. Mast and Miss Beulah Mae Henson.

MERCHANTS MEET; LAUD ANTI SALES TAX PROPOSALS

Local Business Men Petition Sentatives to Fight Three Per Cent Levy

MONDAY IS COLLECTED FOR RADIO BROADCAST

Committee Named for Purpose of Promoting Civic Organizations or Chamber of Commerce.

Twenty-five business men, representative of practically all Boone's retail establishments, met at the Daniel Boone Hotel Tuesday evening and made vigorous attacks on the State's sales tax, at the same time lending enthusiastic approval to the McDonald-Lumpkin act, which would substitute the three per cent levy.

Messrs. Clyde R. Greene, C. W. Teal and Owen Wilson were named on a committee to prepare petitions for forwarding to Representative Swift and Senator Warren, imploring their aid in passing the substitute measure, and the sum of seventy-five dollars was raised for the purpose of buying 15 minutes' time over Radio Station WBT, Charlotte, in which to support the McDonald-Lumpkin proposal from a local as well as State-wide viewpoint. Sentiment against the sales tax was unanimous at the meeting, and local merchants are hopeful that the re-enactment of the law will be prevented.

Civic Club Sponsored

While the merchants were in session the much-discussed proposal to organize a civic club or chamber of commerce came up for consideration, and W. H. Gragg was named chairman of a committee to ascertain whether or not a Rotary Club would better meet the desires of the people. The other members of the committee are G. K. Moose and Wade E. Brown. All those interested in the proposal, or either of them, are asked to make known their opinions to some member of the committee.

Baby Show Will Be Held Next Saturday

Considerable interest has attached itself to the announcement of a baby show which will be held at the Daniel Boone Hotel on Saturday afternoon, March 2nd, beginning at 3 o'clock. The event, which finds sponsorship in the Comrades Class of the Methodist Sunday School, is expected to draw a large number of community babies, up to four years old. Mothers are asked to pay a fee of 25 cents to register and first and second prizes will be awarded in three age groups. Many useful and practical awards have been donated by the Boone merchants for this event.

Parent-Teacher Box Supper Is Postponed

A box supper, sponsored by the Parent-Teacher Association and which was scheduled to have been held at the Demonstration School building Thursday of this week, has been postponed until Thursday, March 7, at 6 o'clock, due to a conflict with some other function. Mr. Watt H. Gragg has been designated as auctioneer and will be in charge of box sales, and a general good time is anticipated by organization officials. Proceeds are to go to the operation of the Demonstration School lunch room.

MRS. SARAH HENDRIX MAY RECEIVE STATE PENSION

Raleigh, N. C. — Representative Swift of Watauga, introduced a bill Wednesday to place Mrs. Sarah Hendrix on the Confederate pension roll. It was referred to the Committee on Pensions. The text follows:

"Section 1. That Mrs. Sarah Hendrix of Watauga County, widow of Samuel J. Hendrix, late a member of McGuire's Company, be, and she is hereby placed on the pension roll of the State in Class B, and the State Auditor is hereby authorized and directed to issue and pay to her a pension at the same time and in the same amounts as may be paid pensioners in said class.

"Section 2. This act shall be in force and effect from and after its ratification."

GREER BYERS

Mr. and Mrs. Carl D. Byers of Boone have announced the marriage of their daughter, Ruby, to Mr. Robert F. Greer of Marion, Va., the ceremony having been performed in Bristol, Va., on February 12. The newly-weds will be at home in Bristol, Va., after April 1st.

Mr. Greer is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Greer, and both he and Mrs. Greer are well known and popular throughout this section.