

BOONE SKETCHES

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STUDENTS "BEHAVING"

THE STRIKE at Appalachian College was settled some three weeks ago... students are now permitted to mingle together, the male and the female, at athletic events... even allowed to smile at each other as they amble about the campus. Thus far the experiment has been successful; thus far practice has proven that the insurrectionists were right in their contentions; that boys and girls of college age are endowed with enough David Hartum "hoss-sense" to conduct themselves as ladies and gentlemen under any and all circumstances! A guy whose education was obtained in a rustic elementary school where the fount of knowledge oftentimes became clogged with flying spit-balls, has little right to express opinions on matters pertaining to "higher learning"... but we're forced to conclude that it just had to happen the way it did... that in this era of change, when pigs are taught birth-control, when farmers are paid not to farm, when half of the population lives without work and governmental practices older than Uncle Pinkney Baldwin are cast in the waste-basket... you just naturally can't force a set of bewhiskered rulings—rulings spawned away back in the nineties—down the gullets of 1935-model college student! And... has anybody seen Graybeal?... we kinda want to run HIM for Congress!

AN OBITUARY

FOR FIVE YEARS and more Ott's Place... an inconspicuous eating emporium devoted to the vending of hot-dogs, hamburgers, plate-lunches and the like... served as a sort of clearing house for opinions... in the proletarian mind. But Saturday Ott's Place closed its doors... gave up the ghost, so to speak... and the frame structure which housed the popular "joint" today flaunts the elegant sign of a shoe repair shop.

EVEN AS A BROADWAY journalist bemoans the passing of such restaurants as Delmonico's, Proctor's and other glittering establishments where intellectual gourmets of the Victorian era flocked for lavish worship at the altar of Epicurus... so this alleged columnist drops a tear at the bier of Ott's Place, which, dad-blame-it, has become just another pleasant memory. For Ott's Place had its traditions, just loads of them... it was there that good strong coffee lent its stimulating influence to the current problems of town and county... it was there that a sandwich was seasoned with argument on the pros and cons of New Dealism... where the difficulties of married life, the treatment of whooping cough, the control of younguns, the merits and demerits of public officials, the comparative beauty of smouldering brunettes and Jean-Harlowish blondes, the horror of death and the joy of resurrection, the rise of a local politician, the fall of a neighbor girl... yea, verily, where every matter of consequence and inconsequence had its inning!

FARMERS IN OVERALLS, printers with dirty necks and inky hands, masons fresh from the mortar board, carpenters with shavings still clinging to their "jumpers," teachers and preachers, lawyers and plain loafers... gathered on the high stools at Ott's Place for food and conversation... for coffee and "gab." Mrs. Jim (Ott) Carter was the feminine major-domo of this House of Hamburg... a kind-hearted soul who knew the exact specifications for "building" those lowly croquettes of ground beef, etc... who'd learned in early life that "Java" could not be brewed from water alone... who prepared stew-beef and potatoes, hog jowl and turnips after the manner of long ago. And each serving of simple food that she laid out that checkered counter had an accompanying "side-dish" of good cheer... on the house!

THE PROBLEMS that confront we ordinary people will never again be settled in proper fashion... Ott's Place is a thing of the past! Wars and floods and famines will rage unabated... for Bob Swift, Wilfred Davis, Bern Hodges, Will Walker and Linney, John Brown, J. C. R. and other habitual patrons of Ott's Place will have no way of stopping 'em! Ranting, raving, red-eyed demagogues will doubtless climb to positions of power... for the "sound doctrine" hatched at the "council table" of Ott's Place have ceased to influence the public mind!

THE TRIBULATIONS that have haunted the President's work-relief bill as it sought to gain the approval of an unsympathetic Senate furnish headlines for daily newspapers... but what about the closing of Ott's Place? The General Assembly frets and fumes as it argues liquor and beer and taxation and cheaper auto tags... but Watauga's member of that deliberative body hasn't yet introduced a bill to re-establish Ott's Place! Candidates for Congress are springing up on every hand... but where is the "hopeful" who has included in his platform a plank (or

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MORRISON SPEAKS TO JOINT SESSION N. C. LEGISLATURE

Former Senator Does Not Mention "Likker" as He Praises Reign of Roosevelt.

SENATOR HILL OFFENDED BY PRAYER OF MINISTER

Sponsor of Control Bill Replies to "Political Invocation." Other News from the State Capital.

By M. R. DUNNAGAN (Special Correspondent)

RALEIGH, N. C.—Former Governor-Senator Cameron Morrison, addressing a joint session of the General Assembly Wednesday night without mentioning one time "likker," or even local or State matters, and Rev. W. L. Arnold, pastor of Johnson Memorial Baptist Church, Raleigh, in the opening prayer in the Senate Friday pleading with the Senators not to pass the liquor bill were two events in striking contrast in last week's session of the General Assembly.

The joint address was Morrison-esque, dealing with the achievements of the New Deal in the nation, and needed no answer. The minister's prayer called for an answer, made by Senator John Sprunt Hill, of Durham, author of the liquor control bill, with a rejoinder, breaking all precedent and rules, from the minister, that he received the inspiration late the preceding night and "I felt it was my duty as a minister of God to speak my heart."

The ministers appealed to the Senators not to "sell our children's souls for revenue and force intoxicating liquors down their throats." He did not want this legislature to go down in history as one which caused North Carolina to sin and that the children not go without bread and clothes while mothers wall under the hand of intoxicated fathers." He read from manuscript.

The Reply of Mr. Hill

Senator Hill, militant dry for many years, still politically and personally dry, who proposed the control bill to raise revenue for relief and charity work, and a deacon in the church, remained standing as the other members sat down after the prayer. He addressed the president, "I cannot sit here and listen to such a political speech without feeling an affront, and

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1,009 STUDENTS AT BOONE COLLEGE

Largest Enrollment in History of A. S. T. C. Registered for Spring Quarter.

One thousand and nine students, coming from 68 North Carolina counties and thirteen other states, are enrolled at A. S. T. C. for the spring quarter, according to information released yesterday by J. M. Downum, registrar. This is said to be the largest number ever enrolled during a regular term at the college.

The Senior Class now contains 125 members; Junior, 185; Sophomore, 318, and Freshman, 371. Watauga, with 135 students heads the list of counties in attendance; Lincoln comes next with 48; Cleveland with 44; Forsyth, 40; Ashe, 38; Catawba, 38; Alleghany 31, and Iredell, 31.

States represented besides North Carolina are Alabama, Arkansas, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia and West Virginia.

Six hundred and forty-eight girls are registered; 361 boys. One hundred and seventy four of the students have attended other colleges.

Carmon Stuart Best Orator at A. S. T. C.

Ashe County Student Wins Honor for Third Consecutive Year.

Carmon Stuart, Ashe County student, who is well and favorably known to the people of Boone as well as to the population of Appalachian campus, has, for the third year in succession, won first place in an elimination contest to represent his college in the oratorical finals of the South Atlantic Forensic Association. Mr. Stuart, who is a Senior, has won this honor every year except the first. His subject this time was "Since Live Lean Years." This year he is to meet colleges from this State and from eight other Southern States, and for the second time is going in the double capacity of orator and debater.

Attorney W. B. Austin of Jefferson spent Monday afternoon in Boone, transacting legal business, and visiting briefly with friends.

Watauga's "Future Leaders" Snapped at Show



Pictured above are the twenty-six Watauga County babies who participated in the contest here Saturday afternoon. With them on the steps of the Daniel Boone Hotel are their mothers, an occasional father, and several friends. It's impossible to list the youngsters, due to the jumbled formation... so you'll have to pick your own heir or heiress.—Photo by Toms.

BABY SHOW DRAWS 26 LOCAL CHILDREN

Large Crowd Attends Event of Comrades Class. Thirteen Prizes Awarded.

A crowd estimated at more than three hundred attended the Baby Contest, sponsored by the Comrades Class of Boone Methodist Church, at the Daniel Boone Hotel Saturday afternoon. Twenty-six babies, ranging in age from a few weeks to four years, were entered, and a continuous flow of the children's friends passed through the hostelry's lobby during the afternoon.

Blue-eyed babies, black-eyed babies, laughing babies, crying babies—babies of every type and disposition were represented in the unusually large list of entries. Mrs. Collis Austin with her two sets of twins, Mary and Martha, aged 4, and their seven-months-old brothers, Clyde and Collis, furnished one of the principal attractions of the day. They, like all of the others, were just too cute for words.

Prizes Awarded

Prize-winners, determined by the number of votes received, were as follows:

Group 1—Boys under one year: First, John Banner Horton, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Horton of Blowing Rock; second, Ralph Graydon Greer II, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Greer, Boone.

Group 2—Girls under one year: First, Jane Keplar, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Keplar; second, Janet Greene, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Greene.

Group 3—Boys 1 to 2 1/2 years: First, Bobby Hopkins Cook, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Hopkins, Boone.

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Hearing on Bus Route Is Set for March 19th

Greyhound Lines Propose Direct Connection to State Capital.

A hearing on a route for the Greyhound Bus Line which would link Watauga with Raleigh, has been postponed until March 19th, according to officials of the company. The hearing before Commissioner Winborne was set for Tuesday of this week, but had to be deferred on account of illness.

The proposed route would give direct connections to Raleigh, via Greensboro and Chapel Hill, leaving Boone about 8 o'clock, and arriving in the capital city around 1:30 in the afternoon. A return trip would be possible the same day.

A number of Boone people have been invited by the Greyhound company to attend the meeting.

DEMOCRAT TO PUBLISH HISTORY GREENE FAMILY

A history of the Greene family, compiled by Rev. George Greene, late missionary to China, will be carried as a special feature in The Watauga Democrat, beginning next week.

The history is written in interesting style, traces the lineage of local members of the family back to old England, and contains many colorful incidents to add to its appeal.

COUNTY AGENT TO BEGIN WORK SOON

Watauga's farm demonstration agent will assume his work here around March 15th, according to information received from O. F. McCrary, district agent, the first of the week.

The County Commissioners, it is understood, have asked State College experts to select a man for this work who is thoroughly familiar with the peculiarities of mountain agriculture, and thus far are unable to say who will fill the position.

However, it is generally believed that Agent Collins, who for a number of years has served Alleghany County, will be transferred to Watauga. He is looked on as one of the leading agriculturists in this section, and his appointment to the newly-created post here would be highly gratifying.

VETS WILL DEBATE CONTROL OF BOOZE

Liquor Questions Furnishes Subject for Joint Discussion at Legion Hall on 15th.

Ex-service men of Watauga, their wives and children are invited to attend a joint debate, sponsored by the local American Legion Post, at Legion Hall, Friday night, March 15th. The query will be: "Resolved, That the North Carolina Legislature should legalize the sale of whiskey."

Upholding the affirmative will be Rev. W. C. Greene, Ralph G. Greer and Spencer Miller. The negative side of the question is to be presented by Charles S. Stevenson, Charlie Younce and Lionell Ward. C. W. Teal, post adjutant, personally guarantees an evening of rare fun to those who attend.

The Legion has recently contracted with the Wayne P. Sewell Producing Company of Atlanta for two presentations of the Dixie Black Bird Minstrels, April 19th and 20th, under the joint sponsorship of the Legion and Auxiliary.

Adjutant Teal states that it is very important that all members of the two organizations attend the meeting on the 15th, at which time a number of important matters are to be discussed.

BULLETIN

Raleigh, N. C.—Representative Swift's bill to tax prepaid Building and Loan stock was killed by the House Committee on Banking this (Wednesday) afternoon at 3 o'clock without a record vote. The opposition to the measure was reported as unanimous. Mr. Swift appeared in the committee room and ably defended his proposal.

Senator John Sprunt Hill presented his views on State liquor control to the Senate this afternoon. Observers about the Capitol are of the opinion that Mr. Hill's bill is steadily gaining favor in the upper house, many predicting a tie when a vote is taken Thursday or Friday.

FARMERS DISCUSS CHEESE INDUSTRY

Reports of Special Committee Submitted to Mass Meeting at Cove Creek School.

A mass meeting of Watauga farmers was held at the Cove Creek school Saturday afternoon, and optimistic reports were presented to the large crowd by members of a special committee recently appointed to sound out sentiment regarding revival of the cheese-making industry in this county.

These reports indicated increased interest in the project, one committeeman stating that 119 cows would be available in early spring. A total of 262 cows were reported by the members, and backers of the movement expressed a belief that a central collective cheese factory would likely be built at Sugar Grove within the near future. Chairman G. G. Farthing continued the committee, and plans were laid for the holding of local meetings in each of the sixteen districts during the coming weeks.

Farnham Discusses Trench Silos

A feature of the Saturday meeting was a talk by F. R. Farnham, extension dairy specialist of Raleigh, on the advantages of the trench silo as a means of furnishing cheap feed to dairy cattle. Several local farmers expressed intentions to build silos of this type soon.

Rev. Mr. Burt, rector of Holy Cross Episcopal Mission, attended the meeting and expressed keen interest in the projected cheese factory. He was accompanied by Mr. Glover, farm superintendent at Valle Crucis School.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MAY BE ORGANIZED HERE

An enthusiastic meeting of Boone business men was held at the Daniel Boone Hotel Tuesday evening for the purpose of organizing a chamber of commerce, and the twenty citizens present expressed themselves as highly in favor of the move. Committees were named to draft by-laws and form a policy for the projected organization, and sentiment seemed to be unanimous for the inclusion of all Watauga business and professional men who are interested in the development of their county.

Another meeting is scheduled to be held Friday evening at the Daniel Boone, when committees will offer their reports. The public is invited to attend.

FELLOWSHIP MEETING

A "Fellowship Zone Meeting" will be held at Todd Methodist Church next Sunday afternoon, 3 o'clock, according to announcement made Wednesday by Rev. P. L. Smith, pastor. Mr. W. H. Worth of Jefferson district lay leader, will preside, while Dr. J. D. Rankin of Boone will be chief speaker of the afternoon. Special music by students from A. S. T. C. is also scheduled. The public is invited.

MR. MILLER IMPROVING

Mr. W. F. Miller, popular county commissioner, remains seriously ill at his home here, although attending physicians believe his condition is somewhat improved.

THE EVADERS OF SCHOOL LAW ARE PUNISHED TUESDAY

Defendants Charged with Violation of the Compulsory Attendance Statute.

JUDGMENT CONTINUED BY RECORDER IN ALL CASES

Otus Watson, Gurney Smith and George Crump Draw Road Sentences for Dry Law Offenses.

Charged with violation of the compulsory education law, ten Watauga County citizens were brought before Judge John H. Bingham in Recorders Court Tuesday. Each, according to testimony submitted by County Superintendent Walker and other witnesses, had allowed his children to remain away from school for long periods of time during the current session.

Only one case, that of Sherman Greer of Elk Township, was completed, he having been found guilty as charged. A prayer for continuation of judgment was accepted by the court. The statute prescribes a penalty of \$5 fine or thirty days in jail for such violations.

Other defendants, all of whom were represented by Attorney W. R. Lovill, received a sound lecture from Judge Bingham and other members of the bar. They were: Dock Cox of Elk, Arthur Wheeler of Elk, Joe Pressnell of Valle Crucis, Emory Townsend of Valle Crucis, Bob Hollars of Valle Crucis, Jim McGuire of Vilas, Ellard Hollars, Emmett Townsend and Craft Pressnell, all of Valle Crucis.

Numerous Excuses Cited

Various excuses were given for non-attendance of school-age children by the group of defendants: high water, muddy roads, insufficient clothing and what-not, but evidence presented by teachers tended to show that warnings and offers of aid had been ignored, and that, in one case, an eight-year-old boy had been present but fifteen days and absent more than a hundred during the present school year.

Judge Bingham agreed to continue all of the cases, and in the meantime promised to make a thorough personal investigation. He ordered the children returned to classrooms in all schools not already closed, and warned parents to keep them there or suffer the full penalty of the law.

This is the first time that a "wholesale" effort has been made to enforce attendance laws in Watauga County.

Liquor Men Fare Hard

Other cases disposed of by the recorder were as follows:

Otus Watson, violation prohibition laws, six months on the roads, terms of a suspended sentence having been invoked.

Gurney Smith and George Crump, violating prohibition law, 6 months on roads.

Fred Barnett and Mrs. Fred Barnett, violating prohibition laws, not guilty.

Capiases were issued for J. F. Hodges and James Simmons, who were called and failed.

In the absence of Solicitor Charles T. Zimmerman, the docket was prosecuted by Attorney Wade E. Brown.

Coker Triplett Leaves For Spring Training

Local Baseball Player Signs Contract With Southern League Club.

Coker Triplett, local baseball star, left Tuesday for Tallahassee, Fla., where he will enter spring training with the Nashville (Tenn.) club of the Southern League.

Triplett, who plays centerfield, finished last season with Nashville, made a splendid diamond record, having performed in ten games. His batting average was close to the .300 mark.

As an athlete at Appalachian State Teachers College, Triplett was twice given a position on the mythical All-State gridiron squad. Since entering the ranks of organized baseball, he has shown unusual promise, and fans around Boone confidently expect him to "make his mark" in the game of games.

Mrs. Triplett and small son will remain in Boone for the present at the home of her father, Mr. E. Ford King.

WINDY GAP SCHOOL CLOSES

Mr. Cecil Glenn closed his school at Windy Gap last Friday noon and, according to Ira Edmisten, one of the committeemen of Cove Creek District, the term has been most successful. Mr. Glenn, who is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Conley Glenn of Vilas, entered A. S. T. C. in Boone this week, where he will complete a four-year course of study. Patrons of Windy Gap school were anxious for the young man to return next term, but his decision to re-enter college forestalled the offer.