

BOONE SKETCHES

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IT'S DRIVIN' US NUTS!

Getting out this column is no picnic... if we allow stale "chestnuts" to find their way into it, people say we are silly... if we don't they say we are too serious... if we clip things from other papers, we are too lazy to write them ourselves... if we don't we are struck on our own stuff... if we stick close to the job all day, we ought to be out hunting up some items of interest... if we do go out and try to hustle we ought to be on the job in the office... If we don't print contributions, we don't appreciate true genius... and if we do print them, the old column is filled with junk... If we try to pay a compliment to some gentleman or his lady, we are always criticized for not having spread "it" on a wee bit thicker, and... if we tell the truth about the same lady or her gentleman... why, we just lay it out in a hospital... Criticism everytime you try to express yourself... criticism if you fall to... Now, like as not some guy will swear we swiped this out of a magazine... WE DID!

WE FURNISH THE LAUGH!

No stories today about the inconsistencies of our fellows... no stories about the whims of youth... no tales about girls and their beauty-shop problems... no parables, if you please... no sarcasm, no repartee, no baloney... for WE (meaning "I") ARE FURNISHING THE WHOLE SHOW... for we (meaning "I") celebrated the Fourth of July... birthday of the Republic... birthday of The Democrat... season of Independence!

Many are the stories which have reached our ears concerning this specific "orgy" of "Freedom"... many are the yarns that have passed from wag to wag... jokes conceived and born during the past week-end... jokes which had to do with a gangling printer who dipped his toes in the pool of Bacchus... and sang songs, tuneless songs, of amity... who bought chickens by the dozen... who imagined himself to be, not a patriot, but a hearty warning gigolo of the Gable strain... broke as a convict, but willing to give to rank stranger or bosom friend, even his frazzled undershirt!

That's what they're telling, all over town... and we guess it's the truth, for THEY never lie! And when WE lay it before the public eye in what is commonly known as "cold type," the Good Lord knows it's not done in a spirit of boastfulness... far from it, Geraldine, far from it! But just because we take a fierer now and then, right dab into the center portion of the flowing bowl... and it had been a full twelve months since it had happened before... it's no reason why we should be cast by those of hypocritical disposition into the realm of degradation, or be forced by stern righteousness to accept a beary-eyed horde of sugar-head boobies as our equals and fraternize with them as such! Surely not!

We are not attempting to force forgetfulness... it must have been a funny sight... disgustingly funny! We're merely reciting a story created by its author in a moment of human weakness... a moment when the Sketch Man, unable to find a kindred spirit, preferred to fill his skin with the liquid inspiration of Mr. Hiram Walker! And during the period of his delinquency the Sketch Man, if reports are true, couldn't observe correctly the "passing show" from which comes his weekly soliloquies. Yea, no... he was busily engaged "looking for an angel to sing a love song to"... the same of which he didn't run across, we hope! So what was there left to do but to tell the story which he, himself, created? But WE don't remember!

Dame Rumor... and she's a long-tongued old hussy... will have to care for this particular assignment! All we can do is to hope that it's not as bad as we're led to believe... to plead with our dear farmer friends that we've had plenty and plenty of chicken... to deny to the bitter end that story about the gentleman horse... to pray that out of the seething cauldron of human error and weakness will come some day, the strong, unyielding metal of self-denial. Walter Malone one day wrote a poem which he called "Opportunity." A verse or two, picked at random from his inspiring work, might be appropriate:

Wait not for precious chances passed away,
Weep not for golden ages on the wane!
Each night I burn the records of the day—
At sunrise every soul is born again.
Art thou a mourner? Rouse thee from thy spell;
Art thou a sinner? Sins may be forgiven.

Each morning gives thee wings to flee from hell;
Each night a star to guide thy feet to heaven.

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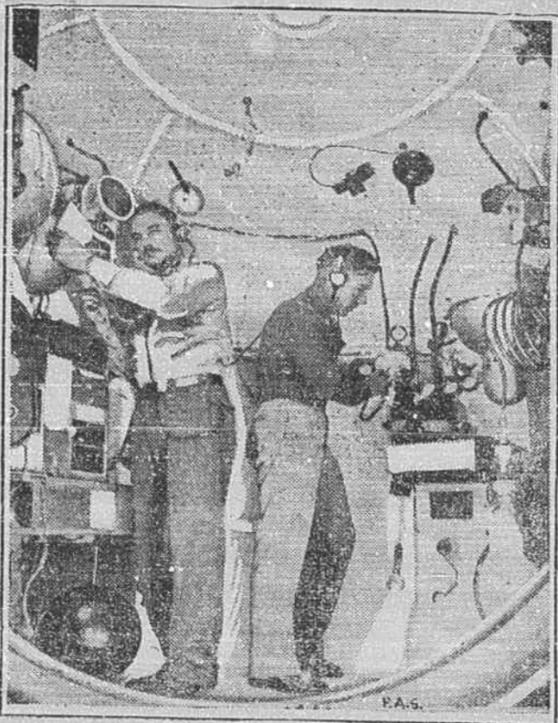
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INSIDE STRATOSPHERE LABORATORY

Captains Stevens and Anderson Prepare for Thirteen-Mile Hop in Giant U. S. Army Balloon.



RAPID CITY, S. D.—Captain Albert W. Stevens (left), commander and Captain Orvil A. Anderson, pilot, in the instrument-filled gondola of the National-Geographic-U. S. Army Stratosphere balloon as they awaited favorable weather for their planned 13-mile-high flight from the Black Hills natural bowl, near here.

FLOY COTTRELL BEAUTY QUEEN

Boone Girl Chosen Most Beautiful for Second Time in July 4th Pageant.

Miss Floy Cottrell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. Jones Cottrell, was for the second time adjudged Watauga County's most beautiful young lady in the beauty pageant staged in College Ball Park as a climax to the July 4th celebration. As a result of the decision of the judges, Miss Cottrell will be privileged to compete for State honors at the American Legion convention in Fayetteville on August 5th and 6th.

Miss Cottrell, whose qualities of pulchritude were first publicly acknowledged when she was crowned Beauty Queen in a pageant held here more than two years ago, won this year over a field of forty reigning beauties gathered from different parts of the county, before an assemblage estimated at 2,000, and was sponsored by Walker's Jewelry Store.

The judges were Mr. Cline and son William of Charleston, W. Va., and a Mr. Morrison of Mooresville, guests at the Daniel Boone Hotel and unknown to either of the contestants. Winning second place was Miss Emma Miller of Meat Camp who was entered under the sponsorship of Greene's Dry Cleaners, while the third most beautiful young lady was adjudged to be Miss Estelle Watson of Boone, who was entered by the Belk-White Company.

The beauty pageant was the final event on the Fourth of July calendar of activities, and drew the principal interest of the day. Large throngs, however, attended the ball games, and the town was filled from early morning with visitors. Practically all business houses of the town allowed their employees the day off, only drug stores and restaurants remaining open.

Sixteen Go from This County to CCC Camps

The following young Watauga men left Monday for Wilkesboro for examination, from which point they will be taken to some encampment of the Civilian Conservation Corps for service:

Roy Miller, Roby Oliver, Charlie Hodges, Triplett; Roger Trivett, Rominger; Ray Miller, Bamboo; George Greene, Deep Gap; Richard Gilliam, Rominger; Jones Greer, Triplett; Clate Presnell, Beech Creek; John Henry Tester, Shulls Mills; Dillard Kerley, Blowing Rock; Lane Miller, Triplett; Austin May, Reese; Lewis Hicks, Rominger; Luther Walker, Boone; Paul Combs, Peoria.

Miss Theodosia Watson, Relief Administrator, has not been appraised as to which camp the local men will enter.

Jackson County bean growers are securing control of the Mexican bean beetle through the use of magnesium arsenate spray.

POSTAL PLANS GAIN HEADWAY

Inspector Makes Official Report on Boone's Need for Federal Building.

Hon. Robert L. Doughton has received word from the Postoffice Department to the effect that the Inspector recently surveying the local situation with a view to the construction of a Federal building in Boone, has made his report, and that the claims of this city will be given careful consideration following the authorization of additional funds for such projects.

The letter Mr. Doughton received, and in turn furnished The Democrat, is signed by the Fourth Assistant Postmaster General, and says in part: "Reference is made to your interest in the provision of a Federal building to house the postoffice at Boone, North Carolina."

"In this connection, I am pleased to advise you that the report of the Inspector who made a survey at Boone has been received. The report contains complete information concerning local conditions and postal requirements at Boone, and a copy thereof has been transmitted to Hon. C. J. Peoples, Director of Procurement of the Treasury Department, for his information."

"You may be assured that when legislation now pending in Congress, authorizing additional funds for public building construction, is enacted, the claims of Boone will be given careful consideration by the Postoffice and Treasury departments in making up a new building program."

Mr. Doughton in turn expresses his concern over the proposal and desires to assure the people of this section that he will do everything in his power to aid in its successful consummation.

Wataugans Will Attend CMTC Camps in Aug.

Six Watauga County young men will be enrolled in the Citizens Military Training Camp, which opens at Fort Bragg on August 5th. Mr. W. H. Walker of Boone has co-operated in the selection of the following young men, who have already qualified in every way and have been accepted for camp:

Harold F. Gilliam, Boone; Hersel W. Scott, Boone; Julian C. Glenn, Dottie M. Glenn, Vilas; John M. Prevette and Willie E. Davis, Boone.

POSTAL RECEIPTS SHOW MORE THAN 10% GAIN

Postal receipts at the Boone office thus far in 1935 have shown an increase of \$338.82 over the same period in 1934, according to advices coming from Wiley G. Hartzog, postmaster, representing a 10.5% increase for the period. In 1934, the receipts for the time were \$3,214.92, and this year \$3,553.74.

LIQUOR QUESTION HOLDS SPOTLIGHT IN RALEIGH NEWS

Counties Continue to Hold Elections Under Hodge Podge Act of the Assembly.

INFANTILE PARALYSIS PASSES THE 300 MARK

Authorities Expect Drop in Number of Cases, Death of Col. Olds; New Car Sales; Complete Resume of Raleigh News of Week.

By M. R. DUNNAGAN (Special Correspondent)

RALEIGH, N. C.—Those North Carolina counties permitted under the New Hanover and Pasquotank acts have gone wet with a vengeance. Rockingham and Greene were the last to vote, on Tuesday, while nine, Pasquotank, Martin, Halifax, Carteret, Onslow, Pitt, Lenoir, Nash and Warren, voted last Saturday. Wilson and Edgecombe, with 10 to 1 majorities, opened liquor stores last week, Wilson on Tuesday and Edgecombe on Wednesday. Vance, Beaufort and Greene, while allowed to vote, are restrained from opening stores, while Franklin is not permitted to vote or to open stores. Appeals have been taken from these judicial restraints, but it will be next fall before the North Carolina Supreme Court can consider them. Moore County is in a different category. Stores may be opened in the townships in which Pinchurst and Southern Pines are located on petition of one-half the voters. Stores will probably not be opened in them, however, until the fall tourist season, although the required numbers in Southern Pines have petitioned. It will be too bad on those which begin operation if the court holds the act unconstitutional.

McDONALD MAY RUN

Dr. Ralph W. McDonald, Forsyth County representative and co-author of the McDonald-Lumpkin anti-sales tax plan in the last General Assembly, lets it be known that the odds are at least 100 to 1 that he will be a candidate for Governor, probably announcing within a month, and that he will favor a referendum, State-wide, on liquor control and tax.

He gives out the suggestion that he and W. L. Lumpkin, his co-author in the recent tax fight, will be running mates, the latter for lieutenant governor, and that they will take the opposition to the sales tax into every village and hamlet, seeking to remove it and substituting as a revenue producer the tax on legalized liquor, increased income taxes on larger incomes and taxes upon intangible property not now taxed.

Dr. McDonald reports extensive promises of personal and financial aid and when this reaches a certain point, he will announce. He hopes to take his place among the leaders, a position now occupied by Lieutenant Governor A. H. Graham and Clyde Hoey, and make of it the "big three." John A. McRae of Charlotte has announced, and Col. T. L. Kirkpatrick, also of Charlotte, still maintains he is in the running. Senator-Doctor J. T. Burrus, High Point, wants to get into the race on an anti-sales tax platform, but the self-assurance of McDonald that he will enter, may dampen the Burrus ambition.

Lumpkin, it was known a few weeks ago, had definitely decided to enter the race for Lieutenant Governor, against Paul D. Grady, Johnston County, and W. P. Horton, Chatham, already announced, but that is apparently not quite so sure now. How he looks upon the McDonald-Lumpkin teaming is not known. George McNeill, Fayetteville, is almost certain to become a candidate, while Senators Harriss Newman, Wilmington, and Carl Bailey, Pymouth, are prospects.

INFANTILE PARALYSIS

Infantile paralysis passed the 300 mark in number of cases in the State last week and about 15 had died from the disease, while State Health officials reported.

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Rat Tale

When a rat bites a boy, it doesn't constitute news, but when the rodent follows up by spilling the blood of a big healthy cat, and living to tell ratdom of the conflict, it is worth re-creating. And that is just what happened down at the Critcher Hotel the other day. A pickaninny sought to remove some papers from a cranny in the wall, and stuck his finger squarely into the jaws of a huge wharf rat. He jerked said rat from its habitat, about the time the family house cat came on the scene of action, whereupon said rodent inflicted a nasty gash on the front paw of the feline, and scampered off, the undisputed conqueror of a nigger and a hitherto unconquerable adversary.

WILL VISIT BOONE



Eugene E. Williamson, M. D., field representative, First Aid Service American Red Cross, who will appear in Boone during the first aid course sponsored by Watauga Chapter, which begins July 15th.

RED CROSS TO GIVE SAFETY TRAINING

Artificial Respiration, Blood Stopping and Bandaging Are Included in Course.

Boone will be a safer place to live in after completion of the Red Cross first aid course which begins July 15th at A. S. T. C., under the auspices of the Watauga Chapter.

More than 600,000 persons have been granted certificates in first aid since the Red Cross began its safety education campaign a number of years ago. As a result, nearly every community has someone equipped to meet the emergency of accident and to administer simple first aid measures before the doctor comes.

One of the fundamentals of any Red Cross first aid course is a knowledge of the prone-pressure method of artificial respiration, applied many times each year in cases of drowning, asphyxiation, strangling and electrocution. In the course here this will constitute one of the points of instruction, together with stopping loss of blood, bandaging various parts of the body, action in case of snake bite and many other measures, according to Eugene C. Garbee, chapter chairman of first aid.

QUADRUPLETS TO APPEAR IN CITY

Four Sisters of Hollis, Oklahoma, in Special Program at the Courthouse August 1st.

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Methodist Church will present the famed "Keys Quadruplets" in a special program at the courthouse in Boone on August 1st at 8 p. m., it was announced Monday by Mrs. A. E. South.

A small admission charge will be used for the furtherance of the work of the Society in the church.

The quadruplets, it is understood, will give a program of saxophone numbers and readings. The girls are Mary, Mona, Leola and Roberta Keys and have just completed their sophomore year at Baylor University, Waco, Texas. They came to Morganton to visit a friend and have consented to appear publicly at several points in the Carolinas.

The quadruplets were born twenty years ago in the modest home of their parents in Hollis, Oklahoma. They have received very little publicity although their history is considered at least four-fifths as remarkable as that of the famous Dionne quintuplets. Very little was known of them until the June issue of the American Magazine carried their story. An unusual interest comes with the announcement that the Keys sisters are to visit Boone.

NEW TIRE PRICES

Hodges Tire Company announces new low prices on Goodyear Tires during "Speedway Week." Motorists of this section may profit by reading the detailed announcement of the new offerings found in an advertisement on page eight of The Democrat today.

ROCKINGHAM GOES DRY

Rockingham County voted against the opening of liquor stores in its election Tuesday by a majority of about 250, according to unofficial returns, and Greene County at the same time went by a majority of about 150. All the other fifteen counties allowed to vote by the recent Legislature went wet heavily.

BLOWING ROCK IN MEETING NAILS PARALYSIS RUMOR

Chamber of Commerce Discusses Report of Publicity Unfavorable to Resort.

STATE BOARD HEALTH SUES A STATEMENT

Mountains Declared to Be Safe From Paralysis Epidemic, Blowing Rock Publicized as One of Nation's Most Healthful Resorts.

At a meeting of the Chamber of Commerce of Blowing Rock held the first part of this week, Dr. Richardson of the State Board of Health discussed the unfavorable publicity about infantile paralysis which has kept hundreds of prospective visitors away from the mountains this summer. The disease is no more prevalent in Western North Carolina than in any other part of the United States and Watauga County has no cases at all. In view of the harm being done the tourist business in the mountains because of the situation in distant portions of this State, Dr. Richardson requested the State Board of Health at Raleigh to issue a statement clearing the mountains and declaring them safe for the public.

This was done the same day, and the Associated Press carried the good news to other states that there is no epidemic of any kind in Western North Carolina, and that the mountains are as safe a tourist resort this summer as any to be found in the Union.

Reemployment Office Open for Registrations

The National Reemployment Office is still open for registration and renewals of the unemployed wishing to be placed on the new works projects. It is necessary that all relief cases register in the Reemployment Service before they are permitted to work.

Those who have previously registered in the Reemployment Office while R. S. Swift was manager or with R. L. Wooten in North Wilkesboro may send in their name and address, but those registering for the first time must appear in person for the interview. As previously stated, there will be a big demand for operators of road machinery of all kinds when the Scenic Highway starts and local officials desire to get in touch with every skilled road man before this work starts.

The Reemployment Office is located on the second floor of the courthouse, and office hours are from 8:30 a. m. until 4:30 p. m.

Institute of Health Will Begin August 5

The second annual Institute of Health and Physical Education is scheduled to be held at Appalachian College on August 5th to 10th, through the co-operation of the State Board of Health.

The institute is held for the benefit of teachers of Physical Education in the high and consolidated schools throughout the State, and instruction will be offered in such courses as will be of the most benefit to these teachers. Dr. Wilson of the Red Cross will teach first aid, Dr. Browne of Peabody College will lecture on Health and Physical Education, and Miss McDougald of the State Department will be present through the week. The teaching of the actual classroom subjects will be in the hands of the best trained staff of health and physical education instructors in the State.

A registration fee of \$2.50 will be the only cost and only 100 students can be accommodated. Rooms and meals will be furnished and students are expected to furnish their own bed linen and toilet.

All inquiries should be addressed to Eugene E. Garbee, Director of Health and Physical Education, Appalachian College, Boone, N. C.

Hugh Hagan Passes At Home in Virginia

Meager information tells of the death of Mr. Hugh Hagan in Lunenburg, Va., which occurred Sunday. Dr. Hagan, who with his family went to Lunenburg Saturday on account of his father's serious condition, had not returned as this is written and funeral and other details are not available, but will be published next week.

GOES TO HOSPITAL

Mr. H. E. Deal of Sherwood, who has been quite ill for the past several weeks, was taken to a Statesville Tuesday night, where he will undergo treatment and a possible major operation.