

BOONE SKETCHES

By J. C. R.

MRS. O'BERRY'S WATCH

The North Carolina Emergency Relief Administration has recently celebrated its second anniversary under the reign of Mrs. Thomas O'Berry.



"Jim"

Marina of food orders and Mrs. O'Berry, if rumors are anyway near correct, is now the proud possessor of an elegant diamond-studded wrist watch—a time-piece costing some hundreds of dollars and being the gift of caseworkers, deputy administrators, office men and women in the one hundred relief agencies of the State. A few days ago and order or invitation, official or otherwise, was received... that's our report... asking administrators, stenographers, case-lookers-into, and food-disher-uppers to show their love and esteem for this most lovable and most estimable lady by chipping in two-bits each for the purchase of this elegant... shall we say platinum?... arm-adornment. Report continues that most of the boys and girls mailed in the aforesaid two-bits, willingly, we will say... and practically forgot the incident. But something must have slipped... the benevolent person who thought up the idea made a mistake in his or her calculations... else some of those asked or invited to contribute failed to do so. Another call for a dime contribution to the wrist-watch fund was made... and quite a sprinkling of "thins" showered into the "fund's" treasury... a few days elapsed and an s. o. s. for an additional fifteen cents is said to have made its appearance... an s. o. s. leavened with anxiety lest the watch, which already had been presented to Mrs. O'Berry, should bear the shameful label of "partially paid for." Whether or not the trinket is now in the clear remains a matter of conjecture. Your narrator hopes, sincerely that no payments are due on this lovely creation of the jeweler's art.

The foregoing story is based primarily on rumor... but if it's true, no one can deny that love of the purest quality still abides in the human breast... that the National Administration's supreme effort to bring about a prosperous condition in America has been achieved! A scattering few of the men and women who contributed to the wrist-watch fund have had the pleasure of meeting Mrs. O'Berry... the vast majority have never even seen her picture in a newspaper... yet they evidenced a willingness to place in her hands a bauble of extreme value; a lasting memorial to the folly of the times! And it's mighty hard for a layman to associate canned hamburger, denim overalls, brogan shoes and other commodities of the North Carolina Relief Administration with a diamond-studded platinum time-piece!

A SONG OF LIFE

Rambling along the street you just can't help but see interesting things, funny things... for instance... a snow-white kitten perched in a set of caribou horns on the porch of Mrs. Cora L. Council's home... a plain-faced lady saying "damn" to her little son, who's lagging behind her... Roby Owens relating how he ended a fist fight, and giving a convincing demonstration... grocery clerk with red polish on his nails... farmer and hog-raiser giving Roosevelt the devil on account of the high price of fat-back... a couple of ladies saying one to the other "I just told him" and "Well, I swanny!"... Clyde R. Hoey driving smack through town, looking neither to the right nor the left... little curly-haired girl holding a rock in her hand as she expresses her opinion of a playmate... Mayor Watt Gragg giving his opinion of current political happenings... wife turning red about the neckline as her ever-loving husband pays a few compliments to a young lady... Marvin Ragan telling the story of Sampson... a couple of young-bucks laying along the sidewalk eating bananas, a bunch of FERA hamburger between them... ho, hum... the circus is here tomorrow and we wonder just what's the use of a fellow going?... there's lots of funny things happening outside tents!

Mrs. Dick Devault of Bristol is spending the week at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Council, in Boone. Mrs. D. S. Hollifield, another daughter of the Councils, is also visiting them.

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OLD AGE PENSION PLAN HITS 12,000

Raleigh Ponders Problem: Other News of the Week at the State Capital.

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RALEIGH, N. C.—North Carolina has approximately 12,000 persons who will come under the provisions of the Old Age Pension part of the Social Security Act just passed by Congress, based on percentages in states in which it is now in operation, it is estimated by Mrs. W. T. Bost, State Commissioner of Public Welfare. The act applies to those 65 years of age or older and each year about 1,150 new ones will come under its provisions in this State, she estimates.

The Federal government makes grants up to \$15 a month, to be matched on a 50-50 basis by the states or local units under state supervision. Mrs. Bost estimates that of 12,000 is about correct for the State and the monthly average paid is \$20, the total cost would be about \$2,880,000, half by the State, and if the total paid is \$30, the maximum, it will be \$4,250,000, half by the State.

The State Board of Charities and Public Welfare, Mrs. Bost announces, is planning an intensive State survey to determine the actual number coming under the provisions, and actual conditions. This study will be in charge of William C. Ezzell, of the Divisions of Institutions and Corrections, aided by the county welfare superintendents in their respective counties.

Plan Outlined

The plan adopted by the State must meet certain requirements of the Social Service Board for approval, the most important of these being as follows:

It must be a State-wide mandatory plan; that is, it must be in effect in all political sub-divisions of the State, and if administered by them, be mandatory upon them.

The State must provide for financial participation.

The State must designate or provide a single State agency to administer it; or supervise it, if it is administered on a county basis.

Make provision so that any individual denied assistance may appeal to the State agency for review.

After January, 1940, the State plan must provide an age limit of not over 65 years, but until then a 70-year limit is permissible.

Residence requirements shall not be more than five years during the nine years immediately preceding the application, and the applicant may be required to have resided therein continuously for the one year immediately preceding the application.

No citizenship requirements which exclude any citizen of the United States may be included.

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Stanbury Property Sold At Satisfactory Price

Thirty-nine lots and tracts, the property of Jeff Stanbury and a part of the late J. S. Stanbury homestead was sold at auction Saturday by S. C. Eggers and Company, local realtors, the sum total of the successful bidding being \$6,211.50. Realtors and owner alike believed the property brought a good price. Col. Z. A. Robertson, veteran auctioneer of Johnson City, conducted the sale.

The purchasers were: H. G. Farthing and A. E. South, the Stanbury home; W. C. Dowell, Shouns, Tenn.; 8 lots; W. H. Gragg, Boone, 7 lots; D. B. and E. S. Dougherty, 17 lots; A. E. South, 2 acres; Spencer Miller, 1 lot and 5 acres.

OKLAHOMA TEACHERS SPEND SUMMER IN CAMP NEAR HERE

Misses Gillian and Marian Loar, twin sisters of Okmulgee, Oklahoma, left for their home Saturday after having camped for the past six weeks on Winkler's Creek near Boone. The Misses Loar left Oklahoma on a vacation trip early in the summer, spent some time in Florida, and intended to go to Durham where Miss Marian was to have done work on her Ph. D. degree at Duke University. Arriving at Asheville, they learned of the excellent educational advantages of A. S. T. C., changed their plans and came to Boone. A camp was established near the J. S. Winkler home, and Miss Marian pursued her studies at the local college, while Miss Gillian attended to camp work.

The young ladies are highly educated, well traveled, and expressed themselves as delighted with this section. Miss Gillian has been a teacher in a private deaf school for the past several years, and Miss Marian is a teacher of mathematics and Latin in the Okmulgee High School. They spoke with deep regret of the tragic death of Will Rogers, noted cowboy philosopher, who was reared near their home.

FAMILY OF WILL ROGERS ATTEND FUNERAL RITES

Widow and Children of Beloved Stage and Screen Comedian-Philosopher Journey from New York to California for Simple Funeral Services in Film Colony.



NEW YORK.—Though widely separated when word arrived that the husband and father, Will Rogers, had been killed in an airplane crash with Wiley Post in Alaska, the members of the Rogers family met here to start the trip home to Hollywood. Photo shows, left to right, Will Rogers Jr., Mrs. Rogers, her son James and daughter Mary, as they boarded a train for the Pacific coast where funeral services took place Thursday.

DISTRICT LEGION MEET IN BOONE

New Legion Hall Scene of Gathering of World War Veterans on Sept. 6th.

A district meeting of the American Legion and Auxiliary is scheduled to be held at the new hall in Legion Park, Boone, on Friday night, September 6th, at 7:30, at which time all post officers of the district are expected for the installation by the Department Commander of 1936 post officers. The installation will be by radio at 7:30 on this date.

Local Legion officials are extending an invitation to all veterans and their wives to come and bring sandwiches, along with their Legion and Auxiliary dues for next year, as an early membership drive is planned.

Following the business session, sandwiches and coffee will be served by the local Auxiliary, and a silver offering will be taken for furnishing the new hut.

Trout Fishing Season Closes September 1st

The trout fishing season will close on September 1st, according to announcement made Monday by County Game Warden Edward Mast, who states that a most successful season has been enjoyed by sportsmen in local waters.

The squirrel shooting season will open on September 15th. Warden Mast points out, while quail and rabbit hunting will not be legal until Thanksgiving day. The following persons have been named by Mr. Mast as agents for hunting licenses this fall, and the price for county badges will be \$1.10:

Floyd Greene, Carter Ragan, Judson Hodges, Howard Edmisten, Watauga Hardware Company, Doughton Greene, Fred Edmisten, Roby Greene, Watt Greene, Lloyd Winebarger, Clyde S. Jackson, Clyde Perry, J. A. Mullins, A. E. South, R. L. Gentry, Harrison Baker, Marion Coffey, Coy Rogers, Jim Brown, Ronald Ragan, T. T. Triplett, R. L. Greene, Coy L. Billings, Conley Smith, Ed Harbin, W. W. Mast, John Isaacs, V. D. Ward, Farmers Hardware and Supply Co.

Boone Ladies Will Sponsor Flower Show

Members of the Missionary Society of the Methodist Church, together with Circle No. 4 of the Women's Missionary Union of the Baptist Church, will sponsor a flower show to be held in the Qualls building on the afternoon of September 7th. A list of prizes to be offered will be published next week. In the meantime, all growers of flowers are urged to enter.

Robert W. Watkins Receives M. A. Degree

Robert W. Watkins of A. S. T. C., Boone, received his M. A. degree at Peabody College, Nashville, Tenn., on Saturday.

Mr. Watkins majored in physical education and wrote his thesis on "A Study of the Fundamental Techniques of Intercollegiate Wrestling." He is coach of wrestling at the local college.

More than two hundred graduated in the class with Mr. Watkins, nine of whom were North Carolinians.

21 Years in U. S. Army



GEORGE M. POTTER
(Captain Finance Reserve)

Mrs. Rosella Hayworth Dies Sunday Evening

Mrs. Rosella Hayworth, prominent Watauga, died at her home on the rural route from Trade, Tenn., Sunday night, after an illness of about a year. She was 62 years old.

Funeral services were conducted on Monday at the graveside in the Thomas cemetery by Rev. R. C. Eggers, Baptist minister. An unusually large crowd gathered to pay their respects and the floral offering was profuse, attesting the esteem in which deceased was held.

Surviving are six children by two marriages, Fred Arnold, Idaho; Frank Arnold, Lincolnton; Mrs. Ruby Garland, Trade; Mrs. Burle Snyder, Trade; Earl Hayworth, Boone; Clay Hayworth, Mitchell, Oregon. Mrs. Hayworth was an aunt of Austin E. South and Mrs. S. C. Eggers of Boone.

Mrs. Hayworth was born and reared in the North Fork section of the county, a daughter of the late Stephen South. She had been a member of the Elk Knob Baptist Church since she was sixteen years of age, and was always active and conscientious in her religious affiliation. No more esteemed lady resided in Watauga County, and a neighbor in town Tuesday properly characterized her as "always a hard worker, honest and cheerful."

Registration Starts Today at Appalachian

Registration of Freshmen begins Wednesday of this week at Appalachian State Teachers College and a full week's time will be allowed for placement tests, etc., before actual college work gets under way. Registration of those students other than freshmen will begin next Tuesday, and indications are that the usual large enrollment will be on hand for the fall term.

HOEY IN TOWN

Hon. Clyde R. Hoey of Shelby, candidate for the Democratic gubernatorial nomination, was seen passing through town Tuesday afternoon.

WATAUGAN WINS RANK IN ARMY

George M. Potter Transferred to Fort Barrancas, Florida, as Government Auditor.

George M. Potter, native of Tamarack, Watauga County, and for the past several years military instructor at Oak Ridge Military Institute, has been transferred to Fort Barrancas, Florida, where he is to assume his new duties as Assistant Government Auditor. Mr. Potter was in town last week, en route to Meadow View, Va., where he is to visit his mother.

Young Mr. Potter enlisted in the Army more than 21 years ago and his rise has been nothing short of phenomenal. He was second lieutenant of Infantry in the World War; military instructor, property custodian, rifle team coach at Oak Ridge Military Institute, 1926 to 1935; appointed second lieutenant, Infantry Reserve, in 1919; promoted to first lieutenant in 1924; promoted to captain, Infantry Reserve, 1929; transferred to the Finance Department Reserve in grade of Captain, 1934.

He has passed all physical and mental examinations for major, Finance Reserve, and his certificate of capacity was awarded in March of this year. His new duties will call him to Florida within the next few days where he expects to be located indefinitely.

Famed Showman Dead, Belated Reports Say

Advance agents for the Robbins Brothers Shows bring the information that Ernest C. Haag, veteran circus man, died in Florida during the early part of last winter. During the twenty-five years in which the Mighty Haag Show spread its canvas in Boone, "Ernie" Haag became a warm friend of many Watauga people, who had not hitherto been apprised of his demise.

According to information reaching The Democrat, Mr. Haag died in his sleep, medical opinion being that some kind of bronchial growth cut off his breathing. Mr. Haag is said to have left an estate of something over three hundred thousand dollars, most of which was in liquid assets. He was known as one of the few small circus men to have accumulated any amount of money.

Guy H. Hill to Teach In Schools of Michigan

Prof. Guy H. Hill of Mount Airy, former principal of Boone High School, has accepted a position on the educational staff of East Lansing (Mich.) schools, where he will head the high school department.

East Lansing is said to be an educational center, and the high school is used as a practice field for student teachers in the State college nearby.

Prof. and Mrs. Hill, their two sons, and Mrs. Hill's mother, Mrs. Baggett, will leave for their new home the latter part of this month.

GOODNIGHT SELLS PROPERTY

Mr. W. S. Goodnight has sold his business property in Boone to his nephews, Howard and Joe Goodnight, while his home in Perkinsville has been transferred to R. C. Winebarger. Mr. Goodnight left Monday for Tennessee, Missouri and Kansas points, in an automobile, with trailer equipped elaborately as living quarters, and will be away indefinitely.

COUNTY SCHOOLS OPENING TODAY

Many Changes in Teaching Personnel Over Watauga Noted By Superintendent.

All the schools in the county are opening today with the exception of Boone, Deep Gap, and Green Valley, which open on Tuesday, and Superintendent Howard Walker has given The Democrat a list of changes in the teaching personnel which have come about since the final list of teachers was published two weeks ago.

Ralph Smithman, originally elected principal at Bethel High School, resigned to accept a position in Yadkin County; Grady Tester, elected to succeed him, resigned to take work in Wilkes, and C. M. Dickson, Ashe County educator and former superintendent of education there, has accepted the position.

Ornt Adams was named as principal at Forest Grove, to succeed Ray Walker, resigned, who goes to Cleveland County.

Mrs. Minnie Wilson Johnson was named as teacher at Forest Grove, when Tate Winebarger, originally elected, failed to qualify.

Tom Moody resigned as principal of the Mabel school to become principal of the elementary department of Cove Creek school, a vacancy existing there on account of the death of Dean Swift. Herbert Farthing, named to Bethel School, will be the new Mabel principal.

Ruby Mast withdraws as teacher at Zionville, Alice Mast declines the position, and Roby Vines is elected.

Miss Lucile Mast is added to the Silverstone School.

Marshall Ward has resigned from the Presnell school and goes to Stokes County. Ola Winebarger takes his place.

Cecil Glenn and Alice Shull will teach the Brushy Fork school.

Charles G. Hodges and Stella Taylor Boswell are teaching the school at Howards Creek.

Miss Mildred Griffin has resigned at Cove Creek to take up work at Wingate, and is being succeeded by Miss Constance Shoun, a former teacher at Cove Creek.

James E. Merritt Jr., and Hal K. Goode have been added to the faculty of the Boone High School, and T. A. Tennyson will be on the faculty of the Demonstration School.

M. H. Norris is the teacher at Riverview.

Mrs. Hamp Blackburn Succumbs Wednesday

Mrs. Hamp Blackburn, 36-year-old resident of Todd, and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Norris of Boone, died at a Statesville Hospital late Wednesday afternoon, after a two-weeks illness, during which time she had undergone an appendix operation.

Funeral services were conducted on Friday from the Hopewell Methodist Church in the Meat Camp section, by her pastor, Rev. P. L. Smith, assisted by Rev. H. M. Winkler of Todd, and interment was in the churchyard cemetery. A large gathering of friends attended the obsequies and a profusion of flowers was in evidence.

Funeral services were conducted on Friday from the Hopewell Methodist Church in the Meat Camp section, by her pastor, Rev. P. L. Smith, assisted by Rev. H. M. Winkler of Todd, and interment was in the churchyard cemetery. A large gathering of friends attended the obsequies and a profusion of flowers was in evidence.

Surviving is the husband, who is engaged in business in Boone, the father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Norris of Boone, and three children: Pauline, Ruth and Charles Blackburn. One sister survives, Mrs. Waldo Tugman of Boone, and two brothers, Messrs. Troy and Hubert Norris of Boone.

Mrs. Blackburn was born and reared in Watauga County, and was a member of the Hopewell Church during her entire adult life. She was a faithful Christian mother and wife, and a charitable neighbor who had surrounded herself with a wide circle of friends. She will be sadly missed in her neighborhood.

Baptist Association Meets at Brushy Fork

The Three Forks Baptist Association was in session Tuesday and Wednesday of this week at the Brushy Fork Baptist Church, and large crowds were in attendance from throughout the county. Rev. M. A. Hudgins of Raleigh, I. G. Greer, superintendent of Mills Home, and Smith Hagaman of the Baptist Hospital were three of the principal speakers of the sessions.