

**DISTRIBUTION** . . . weak spot

I read in a California paper the other day that several tons of lemons had been dumped into the Pacific Ocean in order to keep the price of lemons up.

I have known of similar incidents on the Atlantic Coast—whole cargoes of bananas and carloads of other foods dumped into the bay.

It seems to me that the greatest weakness in our social-economic structure is our system of distribution. There is no such thing as over-production so long as anybody's wants remain unsatisfied. I would like to see statesmen and economists giving more thought to the problem of getting the things people want into the hands of those who want them, than to making artificial attempts to increase the profits of producers.

**ENGLAND** . . . not so slow

I was greatly struck by a statement published recently by Harry Selfridge, the former Chicago merchant who moved to London and now operates the largest store in the world. Mr. Selfridge said that the improvement in the system of distribution of commodities in England has resulted in adding to the pay-rolls of British retailers more people than had been thrown out of employment by the industrial depression.

We are inclined to think that we are a good deal smarter in all business affairs than the English. While it is true that it took a Yankee merchant to show them the way, the quickness with which the British merchants seized upon the basic idea of low prices and quick turn over through stimulative advertising suggests that John Bull isn't as slow on the uptake as many of us in America have imagined.

Mr. Selfridge's theory that the time to advertise most is not when business is good but when it is bad seems to me an entirely sound one.

**BACKYARDS** . . . fertile

I get very tired of hearing people say there are no more opportunities left for the adventurous and enterprising youth of America. There are more and bigger opportunities than our fathers and grandfathers ever had.

A young friend of mine, David Gross, has just written a book entitled "Gold in Our Backyard." I wish every ambitious boy and girl in America could read it. He points out literally hundreds of different fields in which opportunity awaits the enterprising and resourceful.

The prizes that we are hunting for are not always on the other side of the mountain range, but very close to home.

**STORIES** . . . from wheelchair

I know a lady who has been a cripple from childhood, unable to move about except in a wheel chair. She has never traveled more than a few miles from her home in a small Southern town. Years ago I heard her bemoaning her inability to get around and see the world. If she could only do that, she thought, she could write stories.

A friend suggested to her that people were people and very much alike in their emotions and reactions anywhere in the world. Why didn't she try writing stories about the people and scenes with which she was familiar?

My friend adopted the suggestion and began to write simple little fiction stories based upon incidents in the daily life of the people she knew. It took her a long time to master the technique of writing, but now, at sixty past, she is still earning \$10,000 a year with her own pen.

**WAGES** . . . then and now

Among some old papers which one of my New England neighbors found recently in an old trunk in the barn loft were some interesting records showing the wages paid a hundred and eleven years ago to rural workers on the highways. Here are the figures:

For a man per day to the last day of July, 83 cents; from the last day of July to the last day of September, 67 cents; from the last day of September to the close of the year, 50 cents; for a team and four cattle and a cart to the last day of July, 74 cents; from the last day of July to the last day of September, 75 cents; from the last day of September to the close of the year, 56 cents; for a plough, 25 cents per day through the year.

Those rates per day were pretty close to the rates now paid per hour. Of course, they don't mean much unless they could be compared with the cost of commodities at the same time, but they are interesting as indicating how the scale of the ordinary man's earnings has gone up since 1824.

**BUYS CHRISTMAS GOODS**

Mr. Clyde R. Greene of the Farmers Hardware and Supply Co., is spending a few days in Chicago where he is engaged in purchasing toys and other holiday merchandise for his firm. He is expected to return to Boone the last of the week.

**BAER GOES DOWN**

Brown Bomber Wins in the Fourth Round



Max Baer, former heavyweight boxing champion, who suffered crushing defeat at the hands of Joe Louis, sensational negro pugilist, in the fight at Madison Square Garden Tuesday night. The negro won by a knockout decision in the fourth round, when Baer, broken and bloody, had been able to rise to one knee at the count of ten. The negro was undamaged. The fight drew a million dollar gate, something undreamed of since the heyday of Tex Rickard as fight promoter.

**WORK ON POTATO QUOTAS PROCEEDS**

Allotments Will Be Made By November 1. And Discuss- ed With the Producers.

Work on arriving at the national allotment of potatoes prescribed under the Potato Control Act and the allotments to the potato growing states is proceeding rapidly, according to the chief of the newly formed potato section of the Agricultural Adjustment Administration. These allotments are expected to be ready for announcement before November 1, and will be discussed thoroughly with the potato growers before they become final. As a matter of fact all problems involved in the act will be thrashed out with the producers themselves. The potato section intends to rely upon growers for guidance and advice as to questions of enforcement also. The co-operation of farmers is vitally important to the success of this program, it is pointed out. The Potato Control Act is intended to result in the normal production of potatoes. The act aims to prevent overproduction which had caused losses to growers in the past. Operation of the act is intended to bring potato prices to a level such as will eliminate the distressingly low prices received by growers the past two seasons, but not to lift consumer prices above moderate levels. The act exempts from any tax a quantity of potatoes deemed sufficient to meet current consumption demands at prices on a parity with prices the potato grower must pay for the things he buys.

**Perkinsville Sale Proves Satisfactory**

Eighteen lots, part of the Perkins farm, located just outside the city limits of Boone were sold for the high dollar last Saturday and the proceeds from the sale amounted to \$2,595. S. C. Eggers & Co., of Boone, were the selling agents and Col. Z. A. Robertson of Johnson City, was auctioneer. The sale was the second auction by the local realtors in the last few weeks and like the first event, the Perkinsville property brought a figure which was decidedly satisfactory to all concerned. The lots are ideally located for residential purposes and it is expected that several buildings will be erected on the new development within a short time. Those making purchases were: A. L. Triplett, Blowing Rock; L. A. Greene, R. C. Winebrager, I. G. Greene, Ethel Brown, Mrs. Roscoe Brown, Walter Carroll, Lester Carroll and Joe Goodnight, all of Boone and vicinity.

**ONLY THREE CASES ARE TRIED BY THE RECORDER**

It was a light day for Judge Bingham in Recorder's court Tuesday, only three persons being arraigned before the bar of justice. The judgments follow: Poss Foster, tried in two counts for possession of half pints of liquor. Assessed with the costs and given a 6-months suspended sentence. Lloyd Williams, driving drunk. Fined \$50 and costs, and automobile license revoked for period of six months. Ernest Hatley, carrying concealed weapons. Fined \$50 and ordered to pay the cost.

**LINVILLE GORGE IS PURCHASED BY FOREST SERVICE**

Rugged Scenic Area To Be A Part of The Pisgah National Forest.

PLANS UNDER WAY FOR THE STATE FOREST

Child Labor Little Used In Carolina; Revenue Department Drive On Slot Machines; New Manager N. C. Railway

(Special Correspondence) Linville Gorge, rugged scenic attraction in western North Carolina and a wonder of eastern America, is finally to be owned publicly, an official of the U. S. Forest Service announcing the authorized purchase of 25,522 acres as an addition to the 38,000 acres of the Pisgah National Forest. It does not include the falls, which may be acquired later. The gorge stretches for 16 miles to the mouth of the Linville river, described as the roughest and most picturesque stream in the Southern Appalachians. The gorge in places is 2,000 feet deep and in a 20-mile course the river falls 2,400 feet, and has been described as "a region unsurpassed in scenic beauty and interest in all Eastern America."

**PLAN STATE PARKS**

Plans for acquiring and developing state forests under the Fulmer bill passed by Congress were discussed by State Forester J. S. Holmes with U. S. Forest Service officials last week. The bill advances funds to the state for purchasing areas as state forests, the cost to be repaid over several years from timber and other resources taken from the land and without carrying charges. Ten acres have been recommended by Director R. Bruce Etheridge of Conservation and Development as sites, scattered over the state so as to obtain various types of forest growth and allow (Continued on Page 8)

**Jay Jones Finishes Basic Marine Course**

The U. S. Marine Corps Recruiting Headquarters, Post Office Building, Savannah, Ga., announces that John W. Jones, formerly of Boone, has completed the basic training course at the Marine Base, Parris Island, S. C., and transferred to the Marine Barracks, Naval Operating Base, Norfolk, Va., for further transfer to the Asiatic Station for duty. Enroute to the Asiatics, Private Jones will have an opportunity to visit Cuba, Panama, Honolulu, T. H., Guam, and the Philippines, spending a few days in each port visiting, the unusual sights these countries afford.

Mr. Jones, prior to his acceptance for service in the Marine Corps, resided at the home of his mother, Mrs. Mattie Jones, this city. Vacancies for the Marine Corps are now being filled at the Savannah office. Applications will be mailed to high school graduates upon request.

**Don Dotson Receives Fatal Injury In Fall**

Don Dotson, resident of the lower Cove Creek section, died at Grace Hospital, Banner Elk, early Tuesday morning from injuries sustained when he fell from a motor truck near Vilas Saturday night. He was found lying in the road by Leonard and Baker Ward, who carried him home. Sunday morning he was rushed to the hospital, where he grew steadily worse until his death occurred Monday night.

Funeral services are to be held this (Wednesday) afternoon, but further details are lacking.

Surviving is the widow and four small children. Many acquaintances and friends throughout this section regret to hear of the tragic death of Mr. Dotson.

**Mrs. Berryman Dies On Sunday; Funeral Tues.**

Mrs. Harriet Berryman, 68 years old, former resident of Philadelphia, who has been living at Blowing Rock for the past two years with her son, Mr. James Berryman, died Sunday at a Statesville Hospital.

Mrs. Berryman is survived by two sons, Martin B. Berryman of Philadelphia and James Berryman of Blowing Rock.

Funeral services and interment were in Haddonfield, N. J., Tuesday. Mr. Berryman of Blowing Rock was a member of the funeral party.

**INSTALLS NEW EQUIPMENT** Hodges Tire Company today announces the installation of the most modern type of re-treading equipment. The progressive firm is now in position to make old tires substantially new at favorable prices.

**Meeting of First U. S. Social Security Board**

Recently Appointed Board of the President Without Funds As Result of Huey Long's Filibuster in Senate.



WASHINGTON . . . Above is pictured the first meeting of the first U. S. Social Security board, recently appointed by President Roosevelt, but made fundless through the filibuster of the late Senator Huey Long and adjournment without passing the third Deficiency Bill. The board met to organize and be ready to operate when funds are available. The board comprises, (left to right) Arthur J. Altmeyer of Wisconsin, Chairman John G. Winant of New Hampshire and Vincent M. Miles of Arkansas.

**JIM RIVERS NEW WORKS DIRECTOR**

Local Journalist Appointed PWA Director in Sixth District; Succeeds Roach.

Jim Rivers, for many years a co-publisher of the Watauga Democrat, has accepted the appointment as sixth district federal works progress director, and laid down his duties with the local newspaper last Thursday to go to Winston-Salem where his offices are established, and is familiarizing himself with his new work, preparatory to taking over the directorship next Tuesday.

Mr. Rivers succeeds J. B. Roach, former prison superintendent who assumes an engineering position in connection with the state offices of PWA in Raleigh.

The sixth district which is composed of thirteen counties, has submitted projects involving the second largest valuation and the greatest sponsor expenditure of the eight in North Carolina. The program as mapped for the district calls for gross expenditures of more than eight million dollars and federal expenditures of over six million.

Mr. Rivers, who was known to most readers of the Democrat as the "Sketch Man," by reason of his versatile writing of the "Boone Sketch" column of the Democrat, has been exceedingly popular as a newspaperman, and his column has drawn hundreds of congratulatory messages. Of great interest to the readers, will be the information that, although he is severing his connection with the Democrat for the time being, an arrangement is to be made whereby "Boone Sketches" will continue to brighten the columns of the newspaper and to entertain and edify its readers.

**JURY SUBMITS ITS REPORT TO COURT**

Grand Jury Finds The County Institutions Well Kept, And Offices In Order.

The grand jury, through its foreman, Mr. T. C. Baird, submitted its annual report to Judge H. Hoyle Sink, when all presentments had been acted upon in connection with the Fall Term of Superior Court. The jurors found the institutions and offices of the county in good condition, and the text of the report, which was directed to the court is as follows:

"We have acted on all bills of 'ndictments and presentments that came before our body.

"We investigated the County institutions by three committees and find- ist. The prison camp has 98 inmates, all of whom were assigned to duties. The camp is one of the best kept institutions in our county, and as well as we could ascertain the management is in very capable hands. In fact we do not feel justified in recommending any change in policy.

"2nd. The Jail apparently is well kept and the prisoners properly cared for. Insofar as we could ascertain, the various offices are well kept. We are informed by the Clerk that the Magistrates, Guardians and Administrators are keeping their reports up as required by law.

"3rd. The County Home has eleven inmates who inform us they are well cared for and treated kindly. The sanitary conditions of the County Home are good."

**HOME AGENT NOW EMPLOYED HERE**

Miss Cieta Jones Will Assist Women of County in Solution Home Problems.

Miss Cieta Jones has arrived in the county from the Extension Office in Raleigh, and established herself as Home Demonstration Agent for Watauga, where she will assist in the solution of any home problems presented by the women of this section.

Miss Jones has opened her office in the quarters used by the County Agent in the court house, and would like for the women of the county in need of advice as to their household work to get in touch with her. She will be in her office Mondays and Saturdays until noon, and the remainder of the time will be spent in personal work. Miss Jones will aid in connection with home canning, general cooking, sewing, or any other usual activity of the housewife.

Miss Jones is a graduate from the Women's College, University of North Carolina, and has been engaged in teaching home economics at Dover, N. C., for the past two years. She says she is very eager to meet the ladies in different sections of the county and get her program inaugurated.

**Five Killed In Crash**

Andrews, Sept. 22.—Five persons were killed and two were injured near here this afternoon when an automobile plunged over a 500-foot precipice. The dead are: A. Broadus Hooper, 33, a section foreman for the W. M. Ritter Lumber company, at Rainbow Springs, about five miles from Andrews, three of his children, Frank II, Vernon, seven, and Marie, four, and his brother-in-law, Fred Laney, of Mount Vernon, Tenn.

**JOSEPH WINKLER ROBBERY VICTIM**

Hold-up Men Take \$32 From Local Man at Pistol Point. No Clues.

Joseph Winkler Jr., proprietor of the Blue Moon Sandwich Shop on Blowing Rock Road, just inside the city limits of Boone, was the loser of \$32, as armed robbers called for curb service at his place of business Sunday evening.

Four men occupied a tan Ford car which was parked opposite and below the Blue Moon, and Mr. Winkler was quick to answer their call for outside service. When he reached the car however, he was covered by the guns of two of the passengers, while a third walked around and took the money from his hip pocket. As they started to leave, a man stood on the running board with a gun and kept young Winkler covered until they were well on the way.

As soon as possible Mr. Winkler got in touch with police officers, telephoned Blowing Rock, but the car had been seen to pass through that town. Messages sent to points below failed to bring results. Mr. Winkler did not know either of the three men, but believed they had patronized him during the same day, presumably to find out where his money was kept as he made the change.

Thirteen Henderson county poultrymen will keep accurate flock records with their poultry this year for the extension service of State College.

**THREE THOUSAND DOLLAR ROBBERY AT BANK OF ASHE**

Acetylene Torch Used to Gain Entrance to Jefferson Bank Monday Night.

NO CLUES LEFT FOR GUIDANCE OF OFFICERS

Hole Melted in Back of Safe Enables Yeggs to Get to Money. Suspicion Here That Same Band May Have Robbed Local Man.

The Bank of Ashe, of Jefferson, in the neighbor county of Ashe, yielded about three thousand dollars to robbers of unknown identity who used a welding torch to gain entrance to the safe, Monday night.

The theft was discovered early Tuesday morning by Abe Medly, janitor, who found that the bank safe had been moved to the rear of the building. An acetylene torch had been used for the purpose of melting a hole in the back side of the strong box large enough to admit a person's hand. Quantities of water had been used to cool the metal, so that it could be touched.

According to reports reaching Boone, W. H. Worth, president of the bank, checked the loss to be about \$3,000 in cash, but it was not learned whether any bonds or securities were missing. The loss of course, was covered by insurance.

It was learned that \$4,000 in the mails addressed to the bank had not been received, luckily enough, before the robbery. This sum had been mailed from another bank and arrived in West Jefferson on the train Monday. However, the train was late and the mail did not arrive in time for the cash to be delivered prior to closing time at the bank.

So far as was learned officers working on the case had failed to find any clue calculated to aid in apprehending the robbers.

Many Boone people are inclined to believe that the four men who robbed Joseph Winkler in Boone Sunday night might have been the bank bandits, while others are disposed to connect both these robberies with that of the Bank at Mars Hill some days ago. In that case one man has been captured, four are at large, and unofficial reports over the week-end suggested that they were in the vicinity of Boone.

**Major Rich Turns His Attention To Libraries**

Visiting the schools in Northwest Carolina in the interest of "Peppin up" Libraries, Joe Hampton Rich drifted into the Democrat office to shake hands and tell how he had just gotten back from Boston and Philadelphia where he "sold Daniel Boone in that section of the country." Mr. Rich announced that he had succeeded in pacing a big spearhead at the head of the Old Trail in the edge of Boston, this being the same trail Boone took coming south in Pennsylvania in 1750. "On November 2nd, on the birthday of Boone The Boone Trail Association will unveil and dedicate a huge spearhead near Philadelphia at the birthplace of Daniel Boone. Other markers will be placed down the Shenandoah on the Park-to-Rail highway leading in for the Yaukin River country over which Boone came," said Major Rich. "A selection of library books is a side line," said the major.

**T. E. Bingham to Again Serve As Conciliator**

T. E. Bingham, Boone attorney has again been designated by Federal Judge Johnson J. Hayes as Conciliation Commissioner for Watauga county. Mr. Bingham's duties, it is understood, are principally to confer with farmers interested in handling their realty loans easier in getting extensions of time, and in certain instances in getting adjustments on the debts themselves. Those interested in taking advantage of this service should communicate with Mr. Bingham at his office in the Watauga Bank Building.

**Injured In Collision**

Dewey Shook, Watauga township resident, suffered right serious facial lacerations when the Chevrolet pickup in which he was riding Monday evening, collided with a telephone post in east Boone and turned turtle on the pavement. One serious cut about the ear, necessitated medical treatment, and Mr. Shook was otherwise considerably bruised and cut. The automobile was practically demolished. No particular reason for the wreck could be ascertained.

Mrs. Fred McDade is a patient at a Charlotte hospital where she was taken last Friday, and is expected to receive treatment there for several days.