

# AROUND The TOWN

with ZEB DENNY

Again we went home.

Things were about the same; yet they were different. They were dearer than they had ever been before.

The fields, the meadows, the wooded hillsides, the apple fields, the house, and the barns—all gave me that little something akin to pain in my chest.

The Pilot, the Sauratown, the Black, the Brown mountain were all standing sentinel, just as I left them years ago. Yet they were a bit more majestic. They demanded a bit more respect than they did years ago. Probably because they remain so like themselves, so confident, so sure of their future—when I am floundering around trying to see a way out. They said to me: "No matter what dictator comes and goes, we shall be here, standing serene among it all."

The blue ridge still stretched itself across the horizon from northeast to southwest, sometimes merged with the cold blue clouds that crept out from behind them from time to time. There was no change: I still could run my eyes along the ridge-line and name Fisher's Peak, Sugar Loaf, Saddle Mountain, Roaring Gap, Fancy Gap, and Low Gap.

That long line may be my last line of defense some time. If ever my personality reaches the point that it cannot stand up under the strain of the times, that blue line may reassure me, if I can but put my mind to it.

The family was the same—and none of us have died. Father is seventy and talks of great times and long years ahead of him. Mother follows him closely at sixty-four, but she seems not much older than when she used to bake me those 'tater and punkin pies. And she usually remembers them when I go home again.

The family is no more prosperous than it was when I left it years ago. The times have not added much to the larder; but they have mellowed all into a closer knit union.

The mules have changed. Old Bill and Kate and Bet and Dan have gone and strange ones—ones that do not recognize me as one of the family—occupy their stalls. The dog is dead. The cow was a stranger. Pigs have come and gone—but I never was very attached to the pigs—alive. The cats are a strain of those that roamed the place when I was there, but they have taken on additional spots here and there, and they don't arch their backs against my shins and beg to be scratched. I am a foreigner.

A new coffee pot, a two-tone range in place of the black one, a radio, a new living room, but the same cross-legged grandfather dining table which will seat ten handily and the long cross-legged bench made from a slab (and has splinters now from disuse).

We went home again. It is good to go back occasionally and renew our acquaintances with the personality of the old home place—for the old home definitely has a personality.

Miss Lucille Rook returned Sunday to WCUNC.

Mrs. Robert Vaughan was a visitor in Richmond last week.

E. P. Hyman left Monday for the Government Hospital at Ke-Coughton, Va., where he will remain for awhile.

## Reportin' The SPORTS

A number of boys reported to Coach Lonnie Blackwelder early this week for practice in the manly art of self defense at the high school gymnasium. The tournament looks as if it might be a rather big affair, even if it should get no farther than Roanoke Rapids.

With this movement started here, boxing should come into its own here. The city has always had a good following in the fistic sport. Now that the armory is reaching stages of completion, the movement should gather momentum all the time. By this time next year, we may be able to see a regular boxing card each week. There will be room; there will be plenty of seating space.

The basketball team is playing away this week. With the holidays out of the way Coach Carter will have a chance to get some real work done.

Cooper, one of the leading Jax last year, got into the game at Edwards Military Institute Monday night and scored two points. The State frosh beat the cadets handsomely, McKinney, the Durham boy, getting about 20 of the tallies.

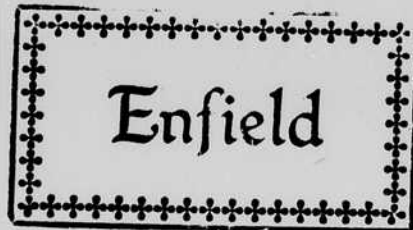
Coach Hoyle is not looking forward with great enthusiasm to the

baseball season. Byrd, Howell, Boyd and Walters have all dropped out of school. The work in the national defense has been having too strong a call (although all of the boys are not working in the defense program).

Byrd and Boyd were the mainstays on the pitching staff. Waters was the best outfielder the team has had in some years. Howell was one of the best hitters on the club. The team will have to be built from the bottom up this spring, it looks now.

The hunting season is due to close in Virginia in about ten days now, according to reports. There are some who say that there are plenty of birds in and around this area. We would not know, not having seen them. But it begins to look now as if there will be no freezing weather, which will kill them out this year (We are knocking on wood). Next year, as a result, should be a good year.

We heard an old bird hunter say the other day that he had bird hunted all his life, but since he had been shooting at ducks and geese this fall, bird hunting had become too tame for him. He will spend all his energy and hunting money on getting the ganders, he says.



## Enfield

The Dorcas Class of the Baptist Sunday School held meeting in the Hut on Monday evening with Miss Annie Mae Sherrod, president, presiding.

Miss Katherine Lawrence was hostess at a lovely bridge party honoring Mrs. Vernon D. Godwin, Jr., of Williamston, who was until her marriage on November the sixteenth, Miss Leona Lawrence of Enfield.

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## Dr. Watson Addresses School Faculty Here On Present Mental Problems

"More people are occupying beds in mental hospitals in the United States than in all other hospitals combined", Dr. James Watson, Director of the Division of Mental Hygiene of the State Board of Charities and Public Welfare, told members of the school faculty here Monday night. The psychiatrist added that mental disorders are increasing.

The lecture was the first in a series of three that Dr. Watson will deliver to the local faculty. He will come back here next Monday night and on Thursday of the following week for the final lecture. The purpose of the lectures is to acquaint teachers with the problems of mental disorders in order that they may aid in the prevention while the subject is still in school.

The first lecture set forth the problem. The next two will give

the causes and prevention and cure in the order named. The lectures are followed by a question period in which Dr. Watson answers questions and takes questions to be discussed at the next lecture.

Dr. Watson pointed out in his talk Monday night that, although great strides have been made in many fields of medicine, little progress has been made in the field of mental hygiene. "The problem has got to be faced", Dr. Watson declared, "before we can hope to better the condition that exists today."

In addition to the faculty of the local schools, several visitors from this city and from Weldon were present.

Miss Ann Campbell Taylor returned Sunday to W.C.U.N.C.

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