OONE ... B SKETCHES

PLEASE PAGE PIED PIPER!

Speaking of rate local story concerning the pesky ro den's, that recently oozed from the versatile pen of Leroy Sossamou, ver-bose writer and sometimes poet of A S T C.

College introduced themselves to a new diversion Tuseday night when a strantic wharf rat made bold to enter Newland Hall, finds its way to second floor, and proceed nonchalantly down a corridor,—apparently in search of a few crumbs for its dinner.

Clushed under the dainty slipper of Fred W. "Feet" Lentz, who wears only a number 13 shoe, the rat measured over 18 inches from tip to tip. Two freshmen at Appalachian State

ured over 13 inches from tip to the list inches from the to the list it been allowed to become a great great gandpapa, this particular college rat, figures "Feet," would have by early summer been responsible for perhaps a million little baby rattes, all with the family background of a perhaps a million little baby fattles, all with the family background of a college grand-dad, and the burning ambition within each "wee, cow'ring timorous breastle" to become college rats themselves before fall registra-1933.

Nomination for the Pied Piper of the college campus: Mr. Fred W. "Feet" Lentz. His number thirteens have an irresistable charm—for rats!

Thanks, Brother Sossamon, and now let us ask a few: Are "college rats" born bareheaden? . . . Do rats form bareheaded? . Do "college rats" drive speckled Model T's? . . Do they have a passion for choc'lut sodas? And, are they good bands at thumbing rides from passing motories? from passing motorists?

FLOUR VS. TERBACKER

She paused before the Cayolina Store, and carefully deposited her sack of Red Cross flour against the door facing. She waiked inside, and leaned her shabbily clad carcass against the counter. A wistful look came into her eyes as she gazed at the neat and attractive rows of canned heans, peas, meat, fruits and what-have-you arranged along the shelves. but she saw not that which she sought. Milt Greer came to be saked. "What will it be today, please?" She told him! Screnely he walked to a cabiner and took therefrom three large black plugs of Apple sun-cured, and a forty-rent tack of good old Bruton's Scotch From an apron pocket the "depressed" lady extracted a brand-new dollar bill, received thirty cents in change, strode from the store, shouldered her "gov" ment biscuits" and faded out of the picture.

ANOTHER LANDMARK GONE

Brother Ester Setzer whetted hig

old Democrat office for more years. In annual today the anentry cause, in toolth were parterned by the first of the new series the Association public for th the plagues of Pharcan twisted its branches and gnarled its laps, and inguining trail errand the rugged trains once, maybe (wice. But Nature, or something, healed its wounds... and the tree continued to put forth leaf and blossom, year in and year out. Villagers, many of which have long since passed, would pause to discuss the Cleveland panic, or the sinking of the battleship Maine, or wars with alien powers, or the advent of the motor car with The Democrat man. They'd mop their brows in the good green gloom of the locust, evit or a siah of its soff hark for whithin material," and move on. But the tree didn't mind. for trees pay little attention to the passing show. Year upon year colled by hables were born, grew to manhood, or womanhood, got married, raised families and "Ricked the blosses". or womanhood got married relsed tamilies, and "kicked the bucket".
but the tree just hung around! Empires crumbled and republics flourished. mankind quit walking and took to wheels. They changed the name of "panic" to "depression". Profibilion took likker out of the sa-leons and gave Federal judges a lot of trouble . . . politicians "saved the Santa Claus was being imperson and cigarette smoking . . , but the to cust tree just stood there, nonchalant

The rigors of too many winters and too many summers finally made an impression on the locust. Few leaves appeared on the wasted branches last spring, and life became extinct, or ap-parently so, some months before Es-ter's axe laid low this worthy patri-

a long time, and we're mighty sorry you're gone. Yes, you saw lots of things happen . . . Perchance, at one time or another, you witnessed quite a "Santa Claus didn't even remem-few sedate married men running wild ber anything about the incident Lots with pretty misses; and asfatte ma-of boys and girls have been sitting trong making eyes at somebody clas's on his knee during the past week and husbands; and guilty-faced kids playing hookey from school; and temper crusaders taking wee small drinks . . . but you never said a single word. You just stood there, gending to your own business, like folks ought to do! So long, old tree, good-

. . . . John Sherrill is particularly worzied about the locust, for it lays where it fell, right across the path that leads to his wood-work-ing establishment. And the Lord only knows when the sound of Ester's trusty are will make glad the heart of him who, thus far, has waited in vain for an aggra-vating barricade to be removed.

The Caro Jean Coffee Shop is th name of Boone's newest dining salon of the opening is carried in The Democrat today.

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DOLLARS MAILED

semi-unnual profits due holders of prepaid stock in the institution. If was pointed out Wednesday by W. H. Gragg, secretary, that never during the ten years existence of the local association had there been failure to meet these wasnesses. meet these payments on the dividence

Commenting on the 24th series which will open on January 1st, Mr Gragg says that the prospects for the sale of installment shares are the brightest in several years and that a number of sales have already been made, the certificates to be issued im-

Santa Claus Loses Job For Kissing a 'Big Girl' CHRISTMAS BUDGETS

Memphis, Tenn,-A Santa Claus, who became so enthusiastically effi of the country went hust and the girls took to painting are the smoking but the lost his job are the lost h in a department store here after the father of a 17-year-old girl complained to store officials his daughter went to see Santa Claus and was kissed.
"He" Mann first came into fame
by his buil lifting. A few years ago

he started off with a bull calf and lifted it every day. The calf grew into an 800-pound bull and Mann into an 850-pound bull and Mann could still lift it. He went on the road lifting the bull. They go to Florida and the bull walked out on the show. Mann hitch-hiked back to Memphis. Mann made a statement about the kissing episode

he kissed some of them when they put their arms about his neck and twirled his whiskers.

"He remembered that two big girls sat on his knee but he felt sure they hadn't complained because he was well acquainted with them.

Anyway, Santa Claus is mighty sor-y that he offended anyone. He didn't to. He was just putting himsel into his work.

Prowlers Loot Ott's Place Second Time

Last Saturday night some unknown person forced entrance through the ront door at Ott's Place, local cafe and removed from the cash drawer the sum of \$11. The robber also made and is conducted by Mrs. Dowling in away with a considerable amount of connection with the inn she operates candy, etc. This is the second time of the same name. An announcement within a few months that the establishment has been entered, no arrests having yet been effected. egate my handsome signature to their

To Manufacture Lumber 是智慧思想思想思想思想思想思想思想思想思想思想 For the Furniture Trade

The P. C. Moore Lumber Company is erecting a circular saw mill on the Gross property near Oak Grove Bap-ist Church, and expect to begin oper-

Building and Loan Turns Loose 200
Interests Checks on Prepaid Stock as Christmas Approaches. \$20,000
Exerned by Local Citizens During the Year Through B. & L. Channels. Prospects Bright.

Two hundred bank checks aggregating approximately \$5,000 were mailed out Thesday to residents of mailed out Thesday to residents of this section, as the Watauga Building and a high grade of lumber will be manufactured.

CHECKS FOR CIVIL WARRIORS ARRIVE

Only Eight Veterans on Pension Roll, While 27 Widows Draw State Sti-pend, More than \$2,900 Represented in Checks.

Pension checks for the followers of Lee and Jackson and for a num-ber of widows of late Confederate sol-diers arrived last week and have prac-tically all been distributed by Clerk of the Court Austin E. South. Only eight Civil War veterans from Watauga County are on the pension rolls, receiving \$182.50 each, or a total of \$1,460. Twenty-seven widows of yeterans are allowed pensions in this county, 25 of whom receive \$50, while two are in the \$100 class. The total for the widows is \$1,450.

FUNERAL OF DEAN MAST HELD FRIDAY

Sugar Grove Resident Succumbs Poisoning, Funeral at Willowdale Church, Survived by Parents, Three Brothers, Three Sisters.

ANOTHER LANDMARK GONE

Brother Ester Setzer whetted his found, and not a failure is recorded. They have maintained a record of 93.8 per cent for safety, and since the another day, and with the kind permission of the inception of the organization in 1831 has erected 8,000,000 homes. There are 18,000,000 homes to the voing man to enter the Caldwell has erected 8,000,000 homes. There which stood hard by the up-town the ancient locust tree which stood hard by the up-town of bird for more years of the found and of the fact that for the found assets are in excess of and the national assets are in excess of an effective vision came from a polson in the extra linear transfer to remove the tree there are an effort to remove the tree that the national assets are in excess of and the national assets are in excess of an effort to remove the tree that the void of the void Dean Mast, 17-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs Clyde Mast of Sugar Grove, died at his home Thorsday morning from what is believed to have been some form of blood poisoning. Con-

By LEROY SOSSAMON

This year I shall observe Christma-

At least I plan to weed out what have come to consider some at the

have come to consider an in-nost burdensome customs of an in-

right, it's your purse and your busi-ness. As for me, these inalicnable rights of a democracy apply only as

State mountain winter. Along with a perfectly good check book, so far as

its entirely is concerned, you will find this relic of G. O. P. tucked many in a dusty, inner recess of my ramshac-

kle desk. I'll sell you both for a nick el. The checkbook and purse, I mcan Really, the desk should still be worth

the price of a week's room rent. But

I may be like the man who, seeing the wolf coming hell-bent for the front door, ran and coaxed him around to the back so the neighbors

wouldn't see. I may only be beating necessity to it by making necessity a choice. But what of that? The de-

Although I hope that it is the tail end of it that I see just now vanish-ing around a distant corner, the mem-

ory lingers, tangibly.

Thus to all of my friends I hereby serve notice that they will please rel-

ession has taught me lots of things

No! Sensibly!

that for once I shall observe Christ-mas differently. Differently, did I say? Multiply

CHRISTMAS

CHRISTMAS! The very word conjured the imagination of old and young. The spirit of doing for others and giving is in the air. Even the trees have caught this spirit of service and want to be helpful to mankind!

It was just before Christmas that three shapely evergreen trees, waving their branches in the breeze on a rough mountain side began talking among themselves about "doing something worth-while this year." Their names were Faith, Hope and Charity.

Faith said: "Well, even if we are isolated here, I have faith in

our being able to serve some useful purpose. Maybe each of us will become a Christmas tree and be decorated with gaily colored lights and tinsel for the joilification and happiness of some family. That would be my idea of the spirit

of Christmas."

of Christmas."

"I want to be of service too." said Hope, "How theilling it would be to grace a large room in some institution for underprivileged children or old people, where my green foliage would be decorated with brightly colored ornaments and the sparkling lights, Just think 的時間的極極 sparkling lights, Just think how much joy and cheer I could bring to those who 高 are denied the privilege of being with mothers and fathers, triends and rela-tives. To make the occas-ion complete, it would be my hope that many gally wrapped boxes and pres-to the old and the young 施施施

ents would be on hand for distribution to the old and the young—things that would remind them of happier days. That is the spirit of Hope.

Charity felt even more charitable than her sisters. She said: Charity felt even more charitable than her sisters. She said: "I have ambitions to make many thousands happy. I want to stand in some public square—to be gaily lighted to help old and young, rich and poor, to enjoy and celebrate the Yuletide season. If my wish could come true. I would want great multitudes to gather around me and Join in the singing of carols for the glory of Christmas. Then there would be 'Peace on earth, good will toward men,'

地面 Thus, Faith, Hope and Charity exemplify the real spirit of Christ-

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MRS. SALLIE CABLE | TEN-INCH SNOW IS DIES WEDNESDAY MENACE TO TRAVEL

so survive. Mrs. Cable was the last survivor of the thirteen children of Dudley Far-EDDIE CANTOR GIVES BOOK
TO COLLEGE LIBRARY

Plate Cantor, screen and radio star,

Plate Cantor, screen and radio star, She Eddie Cantor, screen and radio star, recently contributed a volume to the library of Appalachian State Teachers (College at Boone The book is titled year. Boone The book is titled year. Then community, was a good and why Life Is in Your Hands," and it is the story of the life of the famous actor himselt.

Christmas "depression Hal." Thinking

how nice and obliging these particular friends of mine have always bee

Figuring in this frame of mind. I

find that in one masterful stroke I have saved each of them 49c worth of valuable idleness (so prized just

now by the modern American) that otherwise would have been spent try-ing to decide whether last Christmas

way, my six pairs of earters from last Santa's visit are adequate. Thanks

Moreover, I have saved myself the

Now, of course, this method has its unanswerable drawbacks. Madge will

miss her Hollingsworths and her ben-bons at three bucks the box (that's what I paid for the last box, anyway)

(Continued on Page 5)

ame amount of worry. Total saving

98c. But wait a minute. As Paul Jone bellowed to the British. "Why, H-

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tar as the business is concerned, my now of the same channel. Or maybe

which I possessed in order to harmon-ize as best I could my slim Fall bud-ize as best I could my slim Fall bud-ict with the rigors of an Old North light hargin of the wholesales. Any

brotherhood.

Highway Workers Battle Elements Throughout Night to Keep High-ways Open. First Snow of Sea-son Comes from East.

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Young Mart was a member of one of the county's most prominent familes, and was well known and popular throughout his community. He had been engaged through the summer and early fail assisting his father in the mercantile business.

At the home of her daughter, are and wednesday maintenance crease evening after an illness of several days wednesday by Rev.

A Hicks from Bethel Baptist the highways. Throughout the night the highways. Throughout the night the highways. Throughout the night they worked and into Saturday night, as ten inches or more of snow and siect bid fair to isolate this section. In the mountain region. The heavy fall of srow was borne in the mountain region. Beaver Dam, one adopted sen, Day. Ballway trains, buses and motor truck the mountain region. The heavy fall of srow was borne in the mountain region. Beaver Dam, one adopted sen, Day. Ballway trains, buses and motor truck the mornal programment was in the Greene, both of Greene and conley Greene, both of Beaver Dam, one adopted sen, Day. Ballway trains, buses and motor truck the mornal programment was in the green early of Boone. Nine grandchild from the east were still running behind time. State crews have been hused and no popular the highways. Throughout the night highways maintenance crews have been hused mornal trucks as the highways. Throughout the highways. Throughout the highways. Throughout the night highways maintenance of the highways. Throughout the night highways maintenance of the highways. Throughout the night highways maintenance of the highways. Throughout the highways maintenance of the highways maintenance of the highways. Throughout the highways maintenance of the highway maintenance of the highway maintenance of the highway maintenance of the highway maintenance of the highw from the east were still running behind time. State crews have been busy adding in opening the streets of Boone, and sidewalks were promptly cleared by the city and co-operating

Father of Local Business Man Su

Leaving Lenoir in his early man-In the in my fondest dreams even hood. Mr. Faucetie became one of the hoped that I could head that list, most substantial citizens of Bristhereby making complete my role of pioneering marry. Bristol.

Mr. Paucette was well known in Watauga County, especially among the older people. A son, Robert E. Faucette, is part owner of a local tive-

and-ten-cent store.

Surviving are the widow and the one son: one brother, J. D. Faucette Bristol; and three sisters, Mrs. G. Beall of Bristol, Mrs. Laura Fauof Bristol: cette of Lenoir, and Mrs. Frank Gar

Congressman Butler Is Dangerously III

We ain't vet begun!" There's the mice Hon. Robert R. Butler, representa of two pair of suspenders: 60c. And counting the Hoover tariff on checks, ive in Congress from the State of Oregon, lies near death's door in the capital city from complications develjust in case my friend can still stand the overhead on a checkbook, an ad-ditional 2c is saved. under the saved the case of pneumonia, was learned Tuesday. Informat Information Multiply this saving of \$1.60 by 6, coming to Mrs J. C. Rivers of Brane, chich is the number of my suspender a sister, is to the effect that Mr. Butwhich is the number of ny suspender minded friends, based on last season's len's condition is grave, and that season's census, and we have \$5.60 saved. Adding tags, string, paper and even conceding the fact that we won't have to where he has visited his sister as say.

mail them (il's a cinch, though, that eral different times, we will) we have a cool ten spot safewe will) we have a cool ten spot safe-ly tucked away in the jeans of the WATAUGA LODGE TO SELECT NEW OFFICERS FRIDAY

W. D. Farthlug, master, announce call meeting of Watauga Lodge 273, A. F. & A. M. on Friday evening for the purpose of electing new officers of the coming year. He urges a full at Key Station, which were said to attendance of members.

ILLS OF JUSTICE EASE GRINDING AS

\$1.50 PER YEAR

ial Term of Superior Court Adaris Wednesday. Four Leading Attorneys III. About One fourth of Heavy Docket Is Disposed of Suit for Allenation of Affections Results in Judgment of One Pellar.

The special term of Watauga Superior Court which had been in prog-ress since Monday of last week came to an abrupt adjournment at 11 o'ress since Monday of last week came to an abrupt adjournment at 11 o'clock Wednesday morning, when four lawyers were unable to continue with their cases due to severe colds or perhaps influenza. Those who are ill are W. R. Lovill, T. E. Bingham, Wade E. Brown and J. E. Holshouser, Although neither of the barristers is in a serious condition, the sourt was the

though neither of the barristers is in a serious condition, the court was unable to proceed further.

About one-fourth of the cases scheeduled for trial were disposed of. The action brought by S. M. Harriey against Bill Henson on a charge of alienation of affections, created some general interest, but while \$10,000 damages were asked the court allowed \$1.00.

Talk of another special term area.

Talk of another special term was heard about the courthouse Wednesday but no definite action has been taken. Judge Sink, however, stated he would be glad to return and finish the work he has started next summer, should the Governor as a last summer. should the Governor so direct.

LOSES EYE WHEN TEST TUBE BURSTS

Miss Elizabeth Spenr. Badly Intured in Experiment at Boone High School. No Others Injured. Senior at A. S. T. C.

Miss Elizabeth Spears, of West Jefderson, a senior in Appalachian State Eszebers College here, lest the sight of her left eye and suffered nevere accuations on the face when a test tube exploded in the general science aboratory at the Boone High School Puestay.

Miss Spears was watching an experiment being conducted by Miss Laurie Stewart, who does practice teaching in the high school under the supervision of the college, when the explosion occurred. The experiment vas to show the manufacture of coal

Miss Spears was the only one inhis (Wednesday) morning.

LEES-MCRAE COLLEGE GRANTED CHAPTER OF NATIONAL SOCIETY

Banner Elk.-Lees-Mcline College has been granted the Beta Tau Chap-ter of the Phi Theia Kappa Junior College Honorary Literary Society, ac-cording to a recent lettle from the national secretary of the organiza-

tion.

Lees McRas in receiving this honor will be the first college in North Carolina to be granted a chapter of this national scholarship society.

Four members of last year's graduating class and one member of this year's senior class will compose the charter member enrollment and new nledges will be taken as soon as the chanter is installed and urganized.

chapter is installed and organized. The Pai Theta Kappa, which is put-terned after the Phi Beta Kappa Hon-or Society for senior colleges, was orrambs to Long Illness. Man Succeeding the Caldwell and President of Caldwell and President of Union Trust Bank.

Functal services were conducted on Tuesday in Bristol. Tenn., for John Harper Faucette 67, who died Sunday after a six-month's Illness. Mr. Faucette was a native of Caldwell County, a son of the late Captain E. W. Faucette.

Leaving Lenoir in his early manchapters in minoteen states of the Union.

The purpose of the society, according to the written constitution, is to promote scholarship, to neveroy character, and to cultivate fellowship among the students of both sexes in the Junior Colleges of the United States. To become a member of this organization a student must pussess a high, sound scholastic record and be

a good moral character.
The emblem of the society is in the form of an old-fashioned watch key and embodies the Greek letters, Phi, Theta and Kappa.

Winton Rankin Makes High Grades at College

Of the 437 rreshment entelle Appalachian State Teachers College for the fall quarter, one of the Watinction of scoring grades in the group Winton Rankin, of the Boone High

Holidays begin at noon on Thursterm begins on Tuesday, January 3rd.

REV. ED HODGES CLOSES

MEETINGS IN TENNESSIES.

Rev. Ed Hodges, of Oak Greve, closed a most successful revival meeting at Milligan Baptist Church near Butler Tenn. last Sanday. A number of conversions were reported with sev-eral additions to the church. On the first Sunday in December