

# BOONE SKETCHES

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## NO NEED TO WORRY

"Uncle Dick" Hodges, hale and hearty at eighty-odd, optimist of the first rank who laughs at panics and depressions and floods and general damnation, handed the Sketch Man a little article the other day which thoroughly outlines the fine old gentleman's philosophy of living. Here it is:

Either you are successful or you are not. If you are successful there is nothing to worry about. If you are not successful there are only two things to worry about—

Either your health is good or you are sick. If your health is good there is nothing to worry about. If you are sick there are two things to worry about—

Either you will get well—or die. If you are going to get well there is nothing to worry about. If you are going to die there are only two things to worry about—

Either you are—or are not—going to heaven. If you are going to heaven there is nothing to worry about.

If you are going to the other place, you will be so busy shaking hands with old friends and acquaintances that—

YOU WON'T HAVE ANYTHING TO WORRY ABOUT!

## ALONG THE BEATEN PATH

Sweet young thing, with the dust of the seng patch still clinging to her feet, struts down the street, dabbling her lips with rouge.

Mother robin teaching "aerial acrobatics" to her daring fledgling.

Summer tourist inquiring the way to Daniel Boone's cabin. (Page Major Hampton Rich.)

Ninety-year-old Civil War veteran tells sixty-year-old chap he'd "beat it"—outen him if he wasn't an old man.

Beggar asks for alms, is refused, says "goodbye, brother, good luck," and beats it.

Little boys making mud pies on the sidewalk.

Poor old married man trying to "date" a cute little schoolmarm.

Republican brother refuses beer, saying: "I didn't vote for it, so it'll be darned if I drink it!"

Policeman Hill Hagaman, smoking his pipe as he rides through town in a motorcycle side-car.

Sophisticated miss putting the "high hat" on an erstwhile friend.

## NEVER TO BE FORGOTTEN!

A couple of friendly little dogs, Wag and Trixie by name, had been living up on our street for several months. All the children loved them. They would run and play with them, laugh with them, share their childish joys and sorrows. But some wretched brute, who undoubtedly wears pants and calls himself a man, decided to kill these harmless little pets. So he loaded a couple of biscuits with poison, tossed the enticing morsels to Wag and Trixie. . . and now they are gone! The children wept, as they carried the lifeless bodies of their canine friends to a vacant lot for burial. Songs were sung and simple eulogies paid to Wag and Trixie as the graves were filled. . . a little girl said a prayer, and a little boy's eyes brimmed over with tears. No Caesar, no Pompey ever took his departure to the Unknown with greater ceremony. . . and, besides, their grief was sincere, for little children know nothing of hypocrisy and sham. Several days have passed, but the children still remember. . . each afternoon they place roses and daisies and violets on the graves of Wag and Trixie. They have erected markers, and beautified their "cemetery." They talk a lot about the dogs. . . and wonder why it was that someone wanted to kill them. We wonder, too, but, of course, will never know. Anyway, we'll venture a guess that the "thing" who killed our friends will not be half so badly missed when he makes his miserable demise from earthly realms as are Wag and Trixie. Let's not dishonor the memory of these pets by suggesting that the killer is an offspring of their mother!

## AN EARLY VISITOR

Will Carter of the Green Heights section of Boone was awakened from his four-o'clock slumbers Wednesday morning by the distressed cackling or shrieks or whatever you call it, of his poultry flock. Faring forth with his snout, he gingerly approached the hen-house. . . and what do you think he found? Crouched in one corner of the building was old Didelphia Virginia herself, a rooster's leg firmly clutched in her teeth. This nocturnal marsupial of the genus Didelphidae (vulgarily called "possum") was detached from the fowl, and brought into the clear light, where examination disclosed that she was carrying a pouch filled with eight embryo night prowlers. Mother and children were taken to a secluded spot in the hills, where hungry "boun dawgs" will be seen 'em when the frost is on the pumpkin.

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## Whittler Baffles Engineers



Charles E. Kent, of Los Angeles, gave an exhibition of "engineers" problems in whittled pieces, none of which were solved, so inexplicably were the different woods linked. Kent won't tell how it's done and claims the whittling championship.

## WATAUGA MEN TO ATTEND REUNION WILDCAT DIVISION

Personnel of Famous World War Unit Will Gather in Winston-Salem on July 3rd. Twin City Offers Much Entertainment for Visitors. Local Veterans Asked to Communicate With Reunion Headquarters.

Watauga members of the famous Eighty-first (Wildcat) Division have been invited to attend a reunion of that outfit to be held in Winston-Salem, N. C., July 2nd to 5th. Indication are that a number of local "Wildcats" will attend.

The reunion will open on Sunday, the 2nd, with memorial services in all of the churches at 11 a. m., and the division memorial services for the honored dead will be held at 3:00 p. m. in Reynolds Memorial Auditorium. A smoker will be held in the Robert E. Lee Hotel on Sunday night, Monday, July 3, the convention will get under way with the opening exercises at 9:30 a. m. A business session and unit dinners will be held in the afternoon and a benefit ball game, between Winston-Salem and Wilmington will be held at 7:45 p. m.

The divisional hall and reception will be held at the Robert E. Lee Hotel at 10 p. m. On Tuesday, July 4, there will be a patriotic meeting at 9:30 a. m., followed by a general celebration of Independence Day in the afternoon. The divisional parade and review will be held at 6 p. m., and a carnival and dance will be held that night in one of the large tobacco warehouses. On Wednesday, July 5th, the business sessions of the association will be held and the reunion will end with a divisional banquet at the Robert E. Lee Hotel.

Watauga members of the division who plan to attend are requested to write to the reunion headquarters, Robert E. Lee Hotel, Winston-Salem, for full information.

## Low Temperatures During Past Week

During the past week mercury in Boone ranged between 33 and 80, the skies were cloudless, and heavy frosts on two different mornings nipped growing crops throughout the county. Following is the weather report for that period as compiled by the Co-operative Station at Appalachian State Teachers College:

Average maximum temperature, 72 degrees.  
Average minimum temperature, 50 degrees.  
Average temperature, 61 degrees.  
Average daily range in temperature, 22 degrees.  
Greatest daily range in temperature, 38 degrees, date, 15th.  
Average temperature at 6 p. m. (time of observation), 66 degrees.  
Highest temperature reached, 80 degrees, date, 11th.  
Lowest temperature reached, 33 degrees, date, 15th.  
Precipitation, none.  
Number of clear days, 5.

## FOUR SISTERS STUDY TOGETHER

Mesdames Reece Arledge, William Tunnell, Jack Michael, and Miss Ruby Cook, sisters, and the daughters of Mr. and Mrs. T. Len Cook of this city, are all enrolled as students at the Teachers College this summer. It is interesting to note that the quartet study their lessons together and in one subject attend the same class at the same time and under the tutelage of the same professor.

Farmers of Rowan County have increased the yield of wheat from two to three hundred per cent. this year by top dressing. On many farms, the top dressing was the only fertilizer used on the crop, reports the county agent.

## FAILURE TO ABSORB TAX CONSTITUTES A LAW VIOLATION

Merchants Warned to Pass General Sales Levy on to Consumers. Tax is Not Imposed on Wholesalers or Jobbers. Accrued Revenues to Be Paid Monthly. Rules of Law Will Be Furnished by Department.

Raleigh.—Any retail merchant who states directly or indirectly that he will absorb the three per cent general sales tax which becomes effective July 1st and that it will not be added to the sales price, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, Commissioner of Revenue A. J. Maxwell points out in a statement, just as any retail merchant violating the rules and regulations to be issued by the Revenue Department before July 1 will be guilty of a misdemeanor.

All retail merchants are required to pass the tax on to the consumer under rules and regulations made or on which merchants may agree, just so they do not violate the price-fixing laws, the object being to pass on approximately the three per cent tax and not necessarily the exact amount on each item, he says.

The tax is not imposed on manufacturers, wholesalers or jobbers, but on the aggregate sales of all merchants selling to consumers direct, but certain items are exempt from the tax, if proper record is kept and report made of them. The exempt items are adopted list public school books at fixed prices; sales made to Federal, State or local governments, including public welfare and relief sales; flour, meal, meat, lard, molasses, salt, sugar and coffee, but the plain items as commonly used and not including fancy products, cereals, canned or jar meats, butter oils or fats, syrups, evaporated milks and sugar, salt or coffee substitutes.

Retail merchants are required to secure in advance a license costing \$1 for a year, and pay the three per cent sales tax accrued in monthly installments by the 15th of the next month, unless the monthly tax is less than \$10, when it may be paid quarterly, or if less than \$10 per quarter, then annually.

Commissioner Maxwell points out that this tax is in addition to any other tax imposed by law, stating that gasoline and commercial fertilizer, on which an inspection tax is paid, are exempt from the sales tax. Conferences have been held with merchants and the rules and regulations to be issued will be in part on suggestions they make for an equitable collection of the tax and to insure passing it on to the consumer.

## State Nurse Gives Course for Midwives

Miss Katherine Livingstone, Raleigh, State nurse, is in the county and announces a course in midwifery to be conducted at different points in the county during the first days of July. The meetings, which it is announced are for the promotion of the welfare and hygiene of maternity and infancy, are to be held annually, and anyone practicing midwifery is required to attend. Below is the list of the places and times of the meeting and practitioners are requested to attend at the most convenient point:

Cove Creek, Wednesday, July 5th, 10 a. m., school building.  
Bethel, Thursday, July 6, 10 a. m., school building.  
Blowing Rock, Friday, July 7, 10 a. m., school building.  
Boone, Saturday, July 8, 10 a. m., courthouse.

## Local Merchants Act To Save Folks Excise

The sales tax continues to be a live topic of conversation among retailers of Boone, and C. W. Teal, manager of the Boone Department Store, carries a full page ad in The Democrat today under the caption, "Pre-Tax Sale." In the announcement is carried a list of the many items in the big dry goods line which are marked away down, with the further advantage of no tax to pay if purchases are made now.

Farmers Hardware Company carries out the same theme in a remarkable sale of Glass Bake Cooking ware, while the Fashion Shop, Spainhour's, Five-to-Five Store, Smiths and Carolina Stores are offering special inducements to stimulate summer buying.

The various advertisements today should further convince the people of this section the advantages Boone offers as a shopping center.

## ILLNESS FATAL TO BABY

Mary E. Watson, 8-months-old and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Amos Watson of Deep Gap, died Sunday and funeral services and interment was in the same neighborhood on Monday.

## TO LEAD IN INSTITUTE DISCUSSIONS



Charles M. Johnson and W. E. Easterling, of the Local Government Commission; Allen J. Maxwell, Commissioner of Revenue; Attorney General Dennis G. Brummit and Assistant Attorney General A. A. Swannell, who will lead the discussions at the Institute of Government, Chapel Hill, next Friday and Saturday. Officials from all counties and towns are invited. W. F. Miller, of the Board of County Commissioners; Charles E. Zimmerman, solicitor of the Recorders Court; G. M. Suddreth, judge of the Recorders Court; A. D. Wilson, tax collector, and Wade E. Brown, attorney for the town of Boone, will comprise Watauga County's delegation.

## Recorder Rules Against Board in Suit Over Bus

A civil action wherein the Board of Education of Watauga County was the plaintiff and Earl Ward, resident of Tennessee, was the defendant, occupied the spotlight in the Tuesday session of Recorders Court. The Board sought to recover \$100 actual and \$400 punitive damages as a result of the attachment of a Cove Creek school bus as it passed through a strip of Tennessee with a load of pupils. The chassis to the vehicle, the property of Messrs. J. J. Bingham and Will Payne of Boone, had been contracted to the county for the purpose of conveying students of the North Fork section to the Cove Creek School.

The body was furnished by the local school board. It developed that Lonnie Henson of Vilas held a note against the owners of the vehicle, which in turn was traded to Mr. Earl Ward of Mountain City. He attached the school bus for the debt as it passed through the edge of his State near Trade. The vehicle was loaded with children at the time, many of whom, it was charged, had to walk long distances, and 13 were said to have been loaded in one Ford car at the peril of life and limb. The bus was taken to Mountain City and held.

## Young Democrats Asked To Attend State Meeting

A state-wide meeting of the Young Democratic Voters Club of North Carolina is to be held at Wrightsville Beach on Saturday, July 8th, and Jim Rivers, chairman of the Watauga County unit of the organization is anxious that all those interested in going from this county get in touch with him at once in order that room reservations may be taken care of. Watauga County is entitled to three delegates in the business meeting, but any others interested may go, said Mr. Rivers.

It is expected that this meeting will be the most widely attended of any political meet held in the State for many years, and officials have variously estimated the attendance expected at from 30,000 to 50,000. Senator Robert R. Reynolds is to be present and will deliver the keynote speech of the occasion, which is expected to be in the nature of the opening gun in the campaign for repeal of the Eighteenth Amendment. The Senator has not stated that this will be his subject, but since his nomination came to him on a prohibition repeal campaign, the line of his attack is practically a foregone conclusion. The entire Congressional delegation from the State is expected to be present.

At this meeting a new State organization will be set up and officers elected for the coming two years. Special rates are being made at the Seashore Hotel for the gathering, and the local chairman insists there must be no delay in getting reservations.

## SHERIFF'S OFFICE CAPTURES LARGE COPPER DISTILLERY

Sheriff A. Y. Howell, accompanied by a posse of deputies, captured a sixty-gallon solid copper distillery on the Beech Mountain early Monday morning. One hundred and fifty gallons of what appeared to be corn beer was also cut down. The still was practically new, and apparently had not been used for more than two runs.

The capture Monday morning was the eighteenth made by the sheriff's office since January 1st.

## CHOIR OF BAPTIST CHURCH TO GIVE SACRED PROGRAM

The choir of Boone Baptist Church, under the direction of Mrs. Guy H. Hill, will give a program of sacred music in the church auditorium on Sunday evening at 8 o'clock. This program will take the place of the regular evening service. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Miss Elizabeth Wilson, of Vilas, spent the past week-end visiting with friends in Elizabethton, Tenn.

## FAMOUS ROAD TO BE COMPLETED IN THE NEAR FUTURE

Yonahlossee Trail, Unsurpassed Scenic Highway, May Now Be Completed. Will Be Finished by Fall. Is Planned for Enjoyment of Views. \$125,000 Being Spent in Construction. Teer Has Contract.

The Yonahlossee Road, North Carolina 28, connecting Blowing Rock and Linville, is now passable but rough for the last eight and three-quarter miles which are still under construction. The twenty-mile trip around the side of Grandfather Mountain can be made in approximately fifty minutes.

According to Superintendent Goswick, the stretch still under construction will be done by September first. Negotiations for completing this part of the road, which is all in Avery County have been underway for several years, but because of financial difficulties the work was held up until last fall. At that time it was decided to finance the project with Federal Emergency Relief funds under the supervision of the State Highway Commission.

Work Began Last September. Construction of the walls, culverts and bridges began last September and was completed a month ago. Ordinary concrete work has been supplanted with a fine type of rubble masonry which, says Mr. Goswick, should rightfully be called a cut-stone job. This, he says, is directly in line with the Highway Commission's policy of preserving the natural mountain scenery as the first consideration.

In the case of the Yonahlossee Road the Commission has gone to great lengths to carry out this policy. It has forbidden cutting out any of the rock cliffs along the side for use in the roadbed. Very wide spaces have been left and will be paved along the sides of the road for picnic parties and others wishing to enjoy the scenery.

Roadbed 24 Feet Wide. The roadbed proper of the Linville end, which is nearly all cut into the side of Grandfather Mountain, will be twenty-four feet wide, while actual pavement, of traffic-bound macadam, will be eighteen feet in width broadening out to about twenty-four feet on the curves. Curves are to be banked twelve one-hundredths of a foot for each foot in width. Five and one-quarter miles of macadam have already been laid. After getting the larger stone laid and settled over the entire distance, it will be necessary according to Mr. Goswick to crush a layer of three-inch stone into a one and a half inch size. Part of this is already being done, in preparation for the laying of the smooth surface, which is expected to begin August 20. In the meantime a new section of the road will be cut from MacRae's store on into Linville, eliminating the present sharp curves.

Nello L. Teer and Company of Durham are the contractors in charge. A total of \$125,000 will be spent on the new section of road, and 150 men are being employed, working in two shifts to give employment to the maximum number.

## "Cooge" Potter Dies From Effects of Fall

R. L. ("Cooge") Potter, 35 years old, of Tamarack, died last Thursday, the result of injuries received when he fell from a motor truck several days ago. Funeral services were conducted from the home Saturday by the Reverend Blackburn, Baptist minister, and interment was at the Potter Graveyard.

Surviving are the widow and six children. Mr. Potter received the fatal injury as he fell from atop a heavily loaded truck and struck the surface of the road. A skull fracture was the cause of his death and he had been unconscious since the accident.

Deceased was a son of John O. J. Potter, had been engaged in both mercantile and agricultural pursuits and was favorably known in the county.

## Training Camps Will Open for Some Classes

County Superintendent Smith Hagaman has received advice to the effect that certain members of the Citizen's Military Training Camps will be taken this year. Red, White and Blue trainees only will be taken at dates to be announced later. Letters to be sent to trainers will be authority for them to attend. Red, White and Blue, are designations understood by trainers and distinguish different groups as to length of service.

## CHILD HEALTH CLINIC

The Boone Child Health Clinic will be held Thursday, June 29th, at 5 p. m. at Grace Lutheran Church on East Main Street. Parents are asked to bring their children for a free health examination.