

BOONE SKETCHES

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BLANKETY-BLANK VERSE

Poetry . . . we've just been starving for it . . . and old A. Nonymous, the gent whose John Hancock is attached to so many literary gems, comes forward and offers us a cute little jingle which pulsates with "sentiment," despite its ragged meter and stout adjectives. With profuse thanks to the copyright owners, if any there be, we pass it on to you:

Me an' my bud we owned a boss,
A bucking, bawling bronco boss,
We tossed a dime to see who'd climb
An' me bein' Jonan'd all the time.
Heads came that time,
I clum that buckin' son of hell
An' each time he bucked down I fell
Right in some cactus-kivered grow'
Like that damn' dime
I fell tails down,
I walked to town!

THE GREATEST OF THESE

The Sheriff yanked a guy up the other day, charged with a rather serious crime, and threw him in the county jug. The stranger blinked a couple of times, surveyed the burglar-proof apartment to which he had been assigned . . . and what do you think he found? Right over in the corner sat a teen-age youth, weighted down with a tremendous load of the ambergris of sorrow. He'd been tried a few days before in Judge Suddreth's court, fined a few dollars and taxed with divers costs—all because he had failed to dispose of a pint of hooch before the officers arrived. The youth hadn't the money, couldn't borrow or beg the money, didn't know even who had that much money . . . so there he sat, right dab in the middle of the jailhouse. The newcomer smiled brightly, patted the adolescent offender on the shoulder, and shouted, "Cheer up, the worst is yet to come!" So the boys talked it over, as they sat side by side up at Sheriff Howell's free rooming house, and at the end of their friendly chat the philanthropic jailbird produced a sheaf of "frog-skins" from his well-tailored garments, peeled off a couple of "big-uns," handed them to the youth, and advised him to hurry down to the courthouse and pay off his trivial obligation to the State. And did he go? . . . well, say he did! As he vacated the premises someone heard the snarlable prisoner mumble half to himself, "That lad's just too young to be in jail!"

NEW PROJECT FOR THE MAJOR

Major Hamp Rich, the trail-marking gent that ever marked a trail, hustled into The Democrat office Tuesday, excused himself for not having been around lately, and left a report of his activities during the past few months. Major Rich specializes in "huge" arrowheads, which he has erected in practically every mountain pass of practically every mountain range on the North American continent to the memory of that intrepid woodsman, D. Boone, "who passed this way a hundred or so years ago, bound for Kaintack and points west." But the Major has just about finished marking old Dan's trail, and is now picking on the great Cherokee chieftain, Sequoia, who is alleged to have made a summer pilgrimage from the Great Smoky Mountains National Park to the Shenandoah Valley Park way back in the dark ages when men were men and the women wore buckskin step-ins. Major Rich knows exactly the trail that old Sequoia and his warriors took when they made this tour, and if you live on the route, he will possibly call on your some time this summer . . . for a small donation. When our dear old pal winds up the Sequoia project, he intends to trace old Davy Crockett from the backwoods of Tennessee to the Alamo; and then, we guess, he'll find some other forgotten old codger to memorialize in stone and bronze. Like his pioneer forebears, Major Rich longs for unexplored trails, and just as long as improved highways push themselves into the forest, we'll have the Major with us . . . marking trails, and then some trails.

Mrs. Floyd Yoder Dies At Winston Hospital

Mrs. Floyd Yoder, aged 39, died at the Baptist Hospital in Winston-Salem Monday afternoon, following an illness of several weeks. The remains were taken directly to Hickory, N. C., where funeral service and burial took place Tuesday afternoon.

Survivors include the husband and four children. Mrs. Yoder was a native of Catawba County, but for the past two years she and family had resided at the old Hamby place on Boone Route 1. Many new-made friends in this county learn of Mrs. Yoder's demise with sorrow.

PIANO CONCERT

Mr. Ralph Robbins, noted pianist of Lenoir, will appear in concert at the College Saturday evening at 8:00.

MANY STUDENTS AT COLLEGE FOR SECOND TERM

At noon Wednesday, according to information coming from the office of J. M. Downum, registrar, 385 teachers had enrolled for the second six weeks of summer school at Appalachian State Teachers College. Professor Downum states that they are still arriving at a lively clip and that no less than four hundred will be on hand when registration is completed.

This number will be practically the same as the enrollment for the second summer term of last year, it is pointed out.

NOTED EDUCATOR PASSES FRIDAY AT WILKES HOSPITAL

Professor C. C. Wright, Father of Local Man, Succumbs to Kidney Ailment, Had Been Superintendent of Schools in Neighboring County for Thirty-four Years. Funeral Services Conducted Sunday.

Professor C. C. Wright, veteran Wilkes educator, died at 7 o'clock Friday night in a North Wilkesboro hospital.

Stricken suddenly about noon at his home at Hunting Creek, the former superintendent of schools was brought to the hospital an hour later in an ambulance. He was in a state of coma when he arrived at the hospital and never regained consciousness. Kidney trouble and complications were given as the cause of death.

Funeral services were held at Edgewood Baptist Church Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock, and burial followed in a nearby cemetery. Hundreds of leaders in the educational field, together with hundreds of teachers who had taught in the schools of Wilkes during his long tenure as superintendent attended the rites, and the floral offering was most profuse.

Survivors include the widow, who prior to marriage was Miss Jennie Land, and four sons, one of whom is Professor J. T. C. Wright of Boone, instructor in Appalachian Teachers College.

Mr. Wright had been in failing health for several months and for the last four weeks had been resting quietly at his beautiful Hunting Creek home. His death came just 23 days after his retirement from active life, after having served Wilkes County as superintendent of schools for 34 consecutive years. Early in May he announced that he would not be a candidate for re-election and told his friends that he expected to spend the remainder of his days writing the history of education in Wilkes county. He would have been 74 years old had he lived until August 14.

Throughout his entire career, Mr. Wright was prominent in the educational and civic life of this entire section. Elected as county superintendent of schools in 1899, Mr. Wright served his country with honor and distinction during his long tenure of office. He soon came to be one of the outstanding educators in the State and was recognized as a man of unusual ability.

He affiliated with the Democratic party and stood high in its councils. He was a member of the county executive committee for many years.

Among the important offices held during the time he was county superintendent were: member state textbook commission, member of executive committee of state teachers' association, chairman national education committee of farmers alliance, president of west central district of county superintendents association, member board of trustees of Baptist orphanage at Thomasville, and member of the State board of school examiners. He also belonged to several secret organizations.

Professor Wright had visited often in Watauga County, and was well known and highly esteemed by many local people.

Junior Order to Present Free Motion Picture

A free motion picture will be presented at the courthouse in Boone Thursday, July 27, at 8 o'clock, it was announced yesterday by Clyde R. Greene, councillor of the local unit of the organization. The movies shown will depict the activities of the Junior orphanages at Lexington, N. C., and Tiffin, Ohio, as well as other educational scenes.

C. W. Snyder, past State Councillor and Field Secretary, will address the gathering, and the people of this section are cordially invited to attend the meeting. An especial invitation is being extended to the ladies and the children.

SCHOOLS WILL OPEN ON JULY 31; MANY DISTRICT CHANGES

School Set-up in Watauga Is Altered in Accordance with New State Law. Six School Districts in County Now As Against Former 49 List of Committeemen for the County to Be Announced Today.

The Board of Education was in special session Monday, finishing the big assignment of laying out the county educational work under the new school machinery act, a product of the last Legislature.

The redistricting of the county was completed with the announcement of the new divisions, as perfected by the State School Commission. Forty-nine districts have been consolidated by the State into 6, it is shown, as follows:

District 1 contains the following schools: Boone, Oak Grove, Howards Creek, Rutherford, Poplar Grove, Liberty Hill, Brushy Fork, Bamboo, Aho, Bradshaw, Penley, Cook, Elk, Miller, Green Valley, Winebarger, Chestnut Grove, Rich Mountain, Deep Gap, Stony Fork, Mount Paron.

District 2: Cove Creek, Kellerville, Ivy Ridge, Windy Gap, Roanoke, Presnell, Cool Springs, Valley Mountain, Valle Crucis, Clark's Creek, Dutch Creek, Shulls Mills, Foscoe and Grandfather.

District 3: Bethel, Timbered Ridge, Forest Grove, Reese.

District 4: Silverstone, Mabel, Tracy, North Fork, Zionville and Pottertown.

District 5: Riverview and Castie. The fifth division is a part of a consolidation in Ashe County with Todd as the center.

District 6: Blowing Rock and Cool Springs.

It will be observed that these consolidations are made with a high school as the center for each district except in the one instance. The fourth district was perhaps so made with a view of later actual consolidation at Mabel.

The Board found that owing to some changes that were found to be necessary under the new school law, the list of school committeemen for the county could not be completed until Thursday of this week. Teachers may be informed of the appointees, however, at any time after today, says Superintendent Hagaman, and the names of the new committeemen will be published in The Democrat next week.

School Will Open on 31st

It was agreed that the schools should open on July 31st. This ruling, however, does not apply to Beaver Dam, Cove Creek, Boone and Blowing Rock. These high schools, it was said, will not open until about the first of September.

Local Fertilizer Dealer Wins Trip to Norfolk

Rodney C. Greene, local representative for the Smith-Douglas Fertilizer Company, accompanied by Mrs. Greene, left Saturday for Norfolk and Newport News, Va., where they will enjoy a five-day vacation.

Mr. Greene's company early in the season announced that it would give all dealers who sold more than three hundred tons of fertilizer a free trip to the Virginia city. The local man went to work, used The Democrat's advertising columns freely, and up to the tenth day of July had disposed of 419 tons of the product, or twenty-one standard cars. It is understood that Mr. Greene led the field in his district.

The Greenes are expected to return Thursday.

Watauga Man Taken to Face Trial in Washington

John Dallas Lawrence, native Wataugan but for the past several years a resident of Washington, D. C., was arrested last Wednesday night by Sheriff Howell upon information coming from Chief of District Detectives Burke Young Lawrence was charged with robbery, and first information was that he was also wanted for automobile theft. It developed, however, that the new Pontiac car which he was driving had been regularly purchased.

District officials came to Boone on Thursday and returned Lawrence to Washington to face charges in which it is understood about three thousand dollars is involved. Attorney T. E. Bingham, of Boone, accompanied the prisoner, and although a preliminary hearing had not been held, made arrangements for bail, and left the case in the hands of an attorney in that city.

Miss Jennie Coffey, who has been confined to her room for the past several days, is reported to be somewhat improved, her many friends will be glad to learn.

Lindberghs On Air Flight Surveys To Europe



Here are the Lindberghs, Colonel and Mrs. Charles A., as they climbed in their plane for the take-off from New York to survey a northern air route to Europe via Labrador, Greenland and Iceland. Mrs. Lindbergh, as radio operator and observer, is shown climbing into the plane. Colonel Lindbergh is at the right in the foreground.

Formal Opening Famed Highway Is Celebrated

The Linville-Blowing Rock country Saturday saw the realization of a dream long cherished, the completion and opening as a hard-surfaced highway of the famous Yonahlossee trail, connecting the two resorts and forming a link in the important Park-to-Park highway system of eastern America.

Road enthusiasts and notables from four states who joined in a motorcade which formed at Galax, Virginia, were reinforced at Blowing Rock Saturday morning and climaxed their travels in a celebration at Linville in the early afternoon.

The occupants of the long line of cars that traveled slowly for the inspection of this superb piece of highway construction had an ideal morning for a trip that in a continuous panorama of mountain beauty. Arriving at the Linville cross-roads around 1 o'clock the party of more than 600 were guests at a delightful buffet luncheon with the MacRaes acting as hosts.

Clarence Keuster of the Charlotte Chamber of Commerce presided at the exercises, which followed the luncheon, when Congressman Robert L. Doughton, of the Ninth Congressional District, and M. T. Thatcher,

former representative from Kentucky and president of the National Park-to-Park Highway Association, were the principal speakers.

McCoy Franklin, of Crossnore, welcomed the guests in inimitable style, his welcome and expressions of gratification supplemented by Hugh McRae, Nelson MacRae and others who are closely identified with the Linville section.

A telegram was read from Governor Ehringhaus expressing regret at being unable to be present for what he termed a joyful celebration, and extending congratulations to the people of this territory on the realization of a long deferred hope that this highway through one of the most beautiful sections in the world is at last open.

Twenty men, all native mountaineers, who assisted in the construction of the first Yonahlossee road in 1890, were introduced as honor guests.

Doughton Speaks
Congressman Doughton spoke briefly, giving voice to the same spirit of gratification and rejoicing that characterized the entire meeting. He introduced Mr. Thatcher. The former representative, who was one of the

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HIGH SCHOOL TO BE CONTINUED

First Summer Term, Just Closed, Said to Have Been Successful. Professors Harmon and Farthing Will Have Charge of School.

The Boone High School last week closed a very successful term which was attended by twenty-three very earnest students.

It had not been planned to continue the school through the remainder of the summer; however, some unexpected funds have been made available to the school which will enable a second term to be conducted without the necessity of charging any tuition fees. Professors Charles L. Farthing and R. H. Harmon will be in charge of the school, and those who desire to attend for the next six weeks are asked to assemble at the school building at 1 o'clock Thursday afternoon, July 20, for registration. Classes will begin promptly at 8 o'clock Friday morning.

Courses will be offered in the fields of Science, English, History and mathematics.

Two Local Men Seek License as Attorneys

Archie C. Qualls and Robert M. Yates, both of Boone, will take the examination to be given by the Supreme Court on August 21, looking to securing licenses for the practice of law. Mr. Qualls is a son of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Qualls and was educated at Wake Forest College. Mr. Yates is a son of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Yates, and has studied diligently under local attorneys. Both young men are said to be exceptionally bright and will likely pass the rigid test without difficulty.

Two hundred and twenty-five seek license at the same time, the largest class in history. Half a dozen women and more than that number of negroes are among the applicants.

STUDENT AT A.S.T.C. LOSES LIFE WHEN MOTOR BUSWRECKS

Party En Route to Worlds Fair Meets Tragedy Near Elizabethton, Tenn. Miss Nola Brotherton, of Denver, N. C., Dies of Broken Neck. O. E. Dillinger, of Newton, Badly Injured. Five Buses in Tour.

Tragedy marred the beginning of a tour to the Worlds Fair of sixty student-teachers of the Appalachian State Teachers College and several Boone people late Friday afternoon when one of five buses on the tour overturned near Crabtree, Tenn., 22 miles from Elizabethton, Tenn., killing one member of the party and injuring five others.

Miss Nola Brotherton, 26, of Denver, N. C., died in an ambulance en route to Elizabethton. Death was attributed to a broken neck. O. E. Dillinger, 32, of Newton, was badly injured and is under treatment at a Johnson City hospital. Billinger is suffering from a fractured pelvis, arm, face and body lacerations.

Four other members of the party, whose names have not been ascertained, were treated for minor injuries, and continued on the trip.

The accident occurred about one mile east of Crabtree when the last bus in the tour evidently skidded on the wet pavement and overturned at a "hair-pin" curve on the mountain highway.

The body of Miss Brotherton was returned to the home of relatives at Denver and funeral services, it is understood, were conducted Monday.

There were five buses and one automobile taking the party of teacher-students to the Chicago exposition. They left Boone shortly after noon Friday, and were to have spent the night at Morristown, the first stop on the tour. A Mr. Eason, of Maiden, is said to have sponsored and directed the tour.

All of the members of the party, with the exception of four local people, were students at A. S. T. C. Plans for the trip to Chicago have been underway at the college for some time, and while the officials of the institution were not sponsoring the trip, the student body in general approved of the plan, and through it made the trip worth paying their normal part of the expense.

Henson Home Damaged By Recent Downpour

The home of G. M. Henson, near Sherwood, was badly flooded during the heavy downpour on Monday of last week, and two outbuildings near the dwelling were almost removed from their foundations as a small stream nearby left its banks. Thirty of Mr. Henson's neighbors came to his assistance and worked until late in the evening removing the debris from the premises.

A low-water bridge recently constructed by the Highway Department is said to have become clogged with rubbish during the storm, and changed the course of the stream onto the Henson property. Mr. Henson places the actual damage done to his premises at around five hundred dollars. He wishes to thank his neighbors for the work they did in helping him to remove the wreckage and clean up his home.

Sheriff's Office Reports Capture of Three Stills

Sheriff A. Y. Howell and his deputies report the capture of five blockade distilleries during the past two weeks. Each of the illicit outfits was small, but apparently had been in operation for some time. A large quantity of beer was destroyed in each instance.

Two of the captures were made on Stony Fork, two in the Beech Mountain section, and one on New River. These seizures brought Sheriff Howell's total to twenty-three since January 1st.

SOUTHERN STATES APPEAR TO HAVE JOINED THE WETS

What is regarded as the acid test of prohibition came Tuesday when Alabama and Arkansas, first two Southern States to come to the bar, swatted prohibition, cast a wet vote, and joined sixteen other states in sanctioning repeal of the eighteenth amendment.

Incomplete returns show that repeals are leading in Arkansas with a majority of about 20,000, while in Alabama early returns indicate about two to one for the wets. Tennessee votes Thursday and Oregon Friday, both states being generally conceded by observers to the repealists.