

# BOONE SKETCHES

By J. C. R.

## LOOKIN' AROUND

Big June Russell hurrying up street with a battered Bible tucked under his arm.

Young married lady whistles merrily as she heads for home.

Jerry Brewer telling one of his good 'uns to a bunch of the boys.

Manager of a local store applying for N. R. A. insignia at postoffice.

Bart Bryan telling everybody what a great man is President F. D.

Masters Charlie Younce and J. B. Hagaman Jr. playing with a toy dump truck.

Gangling backwoodsman peeling bananas and throwing "skins" on the sidewalk.

Business man growling about longer pay and shorter hours.

Poorly-clad youth on crutches making his way to courthouse.

Rev. Eber Cragg swapping yarns with friends in Boone.

Dock Moose telling a story which has to do with a fellow named Schultz, of Cincinnati.

Group of visitors at Democrat office arguin' the Scriptures.

Roby Owens and Ester Setzer discussing the changing times.

Lawyer Will Lovell dancing a jig on the sidewalk.

And Cliff McConnell taking a nap in a parked automobile on Main St.

## THANK YOU MA'AM!

A young married lady hurried into T. Milt Greer's Carolina Store the other morning and called for a couple of cakes of yeast. The Sketch Man was drinking himself a Coca-Cola, and he casually asked about the quality of the home brew the Missus expected to make. She blushed just a trifle behind the ears and informed us that she made bread, not brew. . . good-old-fashioned bread, the kind that mammy used to bake. And we giggled a trifle and raised our brows, and looked wise, just as if we didn't believe a single word of it. Came the noon, and we prepared to make our pilgrimage to the home shack for a few body-sustaining crusts, when in bounced one of the good lady's sons with a package for the Sketch Man. We took it gingerly into our paws, wondering whether it contained a rattlesnake or an infernal machine. But it was neither, we thank Providence. . . it was a covey of the brownest, fluffiest, most toothsome hot rolls that man or ghost ever lay eye upon. Thank you, kind lady, thank you! Your generous gift proved to us that the culinary art, in some instances at least, is being preserved for posterity. . . and also, that yeast is occasionally used for something besides home-brew!

## THESE CHANGING TIMES

Every day or two we pass her on the street. . . a young lady who puts on the dog like nobody's business. . . a traveling fashion emporium. . . a circulating example of the beautician's art. . . a walking model for the stylists. . . in fact, about as swell a number as ever traipsed along the boulevards of gay Paree. We took at her and get a huge kick, for nobody objects to the sight of a pretty femme. This young lady smiles just exactly right, and her voice is as mellow as distant cow-bells at eventide. . . and we guess that her dainty heels are clicking musically over the hearts of a multitude of unlucky suitors, even as a dray-horse pads down the cobble stones.

And we look again and we see another woman. . . who back in childhood days picked blackberries from a thousand brambles in a thousand secluded mountain coves. . . and disfigured her pretty hands with a hoe-handle as she stirred the loam in pappy's corn-patch. She milked the cows, and churned the cream, and cut stove-wood, and wore flimsy dresses and "factory" undies. But you wouldn't know it now! The hairdresser has arranged her "crown of gold" into a billowy maze of curls; her shapely limbs are clothed in hose of sheerest texture; underneath are abbreviated garments, covered with imported laces and frills of one kind and another. . . a modern woman she is! No more cow pastures, no more berry-brambles, no more corn fields!

Civilization is advancing, says we! It's not what one learns that does one good. . . it's what he or she can forget! A few years make a sight of difference! From a crude mountain home to the polished ballroom; from the church sociable to the bridge party; from an uncomfortable seat on the coupling pole of a lumber wagon to the heavy upholstery of a modern sedan; from canvas dresses to abbreviated evening gowns; from butter-milk and corn bread to decorative salads and iced tea; from brogan shoes to satin pumps; from gingerbread to angel cake. . . mighty long steps are these! But glance around you sometime, and you'll find out that changes take place pow'ful fast when folks come to town. . . even if it is a one-hoss town!

## IT'S HARD TO BELIEVE, BUT . . .

A prominent young banker, who hankers toward angling, took the

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## The Eagle Goes Aloft



WE DO OUR PART

## HOME OWNERS IN NEED OF RELIEF SHOULD ACT NOW

Local Attorney for Home Loan Corporation insists that Those Desiring Aid Under Terms of New Enactment Should Make Applications as Rapidly as Possible. Mr. Brown Anxious to Lend Assistance.

The new Home Owners Loan Corporation has worked out the necessary details incident to receiving applications for loans with which to lift mortgages, pay taxes, assessments and for necessary repairs and maintenance of homes, says Wade E. Brown of Boone, loan attorney for Watauga County, who has just returned from the home offices of the corporation in Salisbury. The officials of the corporation, states Mr. Brown, are anxious to lend every aid possible to home owners that are burdened with mortgages and insist that applications be made as rapidly as possible by those desiring to secure loans.

Many home owners are seeking information daily and a considerable number of applications have been filed with the Corporation in Salisbury. Mr. Brown states that he will be glad to co-operate and give any information available or assist the applicant in filling out his blanks, or help worthy home owners in any other way possible in their efforts to save their homes from foreclosures under mortgage or otherwise.

## FIDDLERS EVENT TO OPEN FRIDAY

Large Number of Musicians from Over Mountain Section Signify Intention of Competing and Event Promises Great Success.

The old-time fiddlers Convention, an annual event staged by the American Legion, and which is eagerly looked forward to from one year to another by hundreds of people, occupies the spotlight in the week's entertainment, and will be staged both Friday and Saturday nights in the courthouse.

Musicians, including fiddlers, banjoists, guitar players, as well as buck-and-wing and Charleston dancers, will compete for twenty cash and other prizes, under as many classifications, and according to the sponsors of the event, this year's contest is expected to be the most lively of all. Musicians from over several counties are making their arrangements to attend, it is said, and no doubt the courtroom will be filled with those who revel in the old-time tunes of the hills, rendered as they have been since the pioneer days.

The public is cordially invited to come out, enjoy the varied programs and thereby assist the American Legion in its worthy enterprises.

## John Smith Miller Succumbs on Sunday

John Smith Miller, 61 years old and a well-known resident of the Meat Camp Community, died at his home there last Sunday after a long illness from a complication of ailments. Funeral services and interment were Sunday afternoon.

Mr. Miller was a native Wataugan, being the son of the late Henry Miller, and had spent his entire life in the Meat Camp community where he was known and respected by all.

Surviving are the widow and three children, Mrs. Ed Brown of Boone, Mrs. Walter Winebarger of Meat Camp, and Mrs. Henry Miller of Meat Camp.

## ELDER TRIVETT TO SPEAK AT ADVENT CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Next Sunday evening at 8 o'clock Elder W. L. Trivett will speak at the Advent Christian Church in Boone on "The Jubilee or the Home-Coming of the Ransom." The public is cordially invited to hear Mr. Trivett on this great theme and everyone has a standing invitation to attend any or all of the church's services.

## NATION IS SWEEP BY THE EAGLE OF RECOVERY DRIVE

Thousands of Employers Over Country Join Hands With Government, Battle Against Panic Gets Under Way as Code Goes Into Effect. 571 Million New Workers Placed on America's Payroll.

Blanket code agreements became operative Tuesday throughout the nation, with more than 170,000 employers immediately swinging into line with wage-lifting, work spreading agreements, a survey by national press agencies shows.

The twenty-four regional offices of the national recovery administration reported that agreement tabulations were shooting up each hour. Chicago reported 9,000 new agreements received in the first mail, Philadelphia 7,457.

The blue eagle, symbol of co-operative recovery action, spread its wings over the country. Newspaper advertisements featured the emblem of the blanket code program. Cross-road stores and huge department stores displayed the insignia in windows.

Regional offices reported receiving certificates of agreement as follows before noon Tuesday:

New York, 18,000; Boston, 5,850; Chicago, 20,000; St. Louis, 9,750; Detroit, 7,800; Cleveland, 21,000; Minneapolis, 6,000; Philadelphia, 22,000; New Orleans, 4,109; Birmingham, 6,190; Los Angeles, 3,413; Memphis, Tenn., 5,216; Atlanta, 4,512; Norfolk, 5,000; Pittsburgh, 4,000; San Francisco, 23,000; Portland, Oregon, 3,526; Dallas, 1,128; Houston, 12,228.

## STEADY PROGRESS REPORTED

Washington.—America's "big push" toward better times brought cheering victories Tuesday. More than a million new jobs were opened in the country's retail stores. Steady progress was reported in the campaign to bring the steel and oil industries under provisions of the National Recovery act.

This was the day set for business to put into effect President Roosevelt's emergency re-employment agreements. From all sections of the country came reports of Blue Eagles going up on store fronts and factories and employers failing into line by the thousands to speed employment and pay workers higher wages.

Provisions of the blanket agreement as they affect the hours and wages of 4,000,000 employees of retail stores were modified early Tuesday by Administrator Hugh S. Johnson. The N. R. A. estimated that under the new terms, more than 1,100,000 persons could be given immediate employment. These persons would receive approximately \$900,000,000 in annual wages.

Hearings on the code of fair competition for the giant iron and steel industry were recessed after a day of thick and fast developments, including withdrawal of the most controversial feature of the code, that proposed.

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## Spencer Moretz Passes At Home on Meat Camp

Spencer Moretz, 44, son of the late J. M. Moretz, and Mrs. Moretz, died at his home on lower Meat Camp Friday, the 28th. Funeral services were conducted Saturday afternoon at 2:00 by Rev. A. E. Moretz, ministerial student at Wake Forest College, and burial took place in the Norris Graveyard.

Survivors include the mother, several brothers and sisters.

Mr. Moretz had been in poor health for several years, and had been critically ill for over two months. He was known in his community as an excellent citizen, and his death has been the cause for widespread sorrow.

## WEATHER REPORT

Following is the weather report for the month of July, as compiled by the Co-operative Weather Bureau at State Teachers College, Boone:

Average maximum temperature, 79 degrees.

Average minimum temperature, 58 degrees.

Average temperature 63 degrees.

Average daily range in temperature 21 degrees.

Greatest daily range in temperature, 36 degrees; date, 18th.

Highest temperature reached, 88 degrees; date, 23rd.

Lowest temperature reached, 40 degrees; date, 5th.

Total precipitation (including melted snow), in inches, 11.18.

Greatest precipitation in 24 hours, 3.03; date, 3rd.

Number of days with 0.01 inch or more precipitation, 11.

Number of clear days, 12.

Number of partly cloudy days, 4.

Number of cloudy days, 15.

Date of fogs, 3rd.

Date of frosts, 5th.

Dates of thunderstorms, 3rd, 11th, 25th.

Dates of solar halos, 24th.

Dates of rainbows, 27th.

## SIXTY YEARS OF WEDLOCK



—Cut courtesy Charlotte Observer.

Mr. and Mrs. John H. Norris, esteemed Boone citizens who recently celebrated their sixtieth wedding anniversary with their children, grandchildren and many friends attending.

## Boone Retailers Enlist Under Recovery Code; New Hours Of Service

Fifteen retail merchants of Boone, in a meeting Tuesday evening, voiced enthusiastic approval of the President's National Recovery Administration by subscribing to the code of fair competition, which includes shortened hours of labor, increased pay for the employees, and lines up the retail interests of the city practically 100 per cent. behind the national recovery program. Other lines of business are expected to sign the blanket code within the next few days, to the end that there will be no dissenters as to the executive appeal to stabilize wages and working hours and increase employment.

Locally grocery stores will open at 8 a. m. and close at 6 p. m. all days except Saturday, when the hours observed will be 7 to 9. The firms signing the code are: Carolina Store No. 25, Carolina Store No. 7, Pearson's store, Boone Feed Company, A. & P. Tea Company, and Smith's Grocery Department.

Dry Goods and Furniture establishments will open at 9 a. m. and close at 5:30 except Saturday, on which day they will open at 8 a. m. and close at 9. Those subscribing to these hours are: Spanhours, Inc., Five to Five Store, Keplar's Style Shoppe, Boone Department Store, Smith's Dry Goods Department, J. M. Moretz Furniture Store, Highland Furniture Company, Johnson-Stuart Company and the Boone Clothing Store.

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## State Commander Baird In Inspiring Speech To Legion

Bryce P. Baird, Commander of the North Carolina Department of the American Legion, addressed a gathering of more than a hundred Legionnaires and ladies of the Auxiliary at a buffet supper in the local club rooms here last Friday night.

This meeting of the combined Legion posts of the 17th District was the regularly scheduled get-together preceding the State convention of the Legion at Wilmington next month.

Charles Younce, district commander for this section, presided and also acted as master of ceremonies. A delightful plate supper was served by the ladies of the local Auxiliary. An address of welcome was made by Tom Cushing, of Boone and Asheville, and responses were heard from Mrs. A. R. Barlow, president of the Lenoir Auxiliary; F. B. Ribert, commander of Burke County Post No. 21; R. M.

Hersburgh, Valdeuse, W. V. Moore, commander of Avery County Post, Elk Park; A. M. Chisholm, adjutant, Elk Park Post; Mrs. Lola Goldbergh, vice-president Elk Park Auxiliary, and Mrs. Will Robbins, president of the Elk Park Auxiliary.

Program of Local Post Outlined  
Rev. W. C. Greene, adjutant of the local post, made a stirring talk about the duty of the Legion to the men actually disabled in service, while Service Officer Lionel Ward outlined some of the work that had been done in rehabilitation matters in the county.

Ralph Greer, local commander, stated briefly the aims of the local organization and Commander-elect C. S. Stevenson announced the determination of the recently-elected officers to carry out that program.

Department Commander Beard, in

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## WATAUGA MERCHANTS ASSOCIATION FORMED AT MEETING LAST TUESDAY

A large and representative group of business men of this city met at the Town Hall Tuesday evening for the purpose of organizing a Watauga County Merchants Association, and the following temporary officers were elected: J. B. Brewer, president; R. D. Hodges, vice-president; A. S. Harris, secretary-treasurer.

At the same time a committee on membership was appointed which consists of the following: C. R. Greene, A. E. Hodges and Owen Wilson. Messrs. C. W. Teal, Marshal Stallings and T. M. Greer constitute a committee on constitution and bylaws.

A special call meeting of the As-

sociation will be held at the Town Hall on Thursday evening, August 10. At this time all merchants and business men of the town and county are expected to be present for the purpose of forming a permanent organization and for the discussion of such matters as may be deemed pertinent.

The sponsors of the movement want it distinctly understood that the whole county is to be embraced in the organization, which is not only designed for the good of the business man, but for the best interests of the people served in their respective trade territories. A full attendance at the special meeting is urged.

## GRADED SCHOOLS OF COUNTY BEGIN WORK THIS WEEK

Unusually Large Attendance Indicated on Opening Days. High Schools With Elementary Departments to Begin Terms Later. Full Eight-Months Course. Principals and Teachers Listed.

Watauga County's public schools, with the exception of high schools and their elementary departments, began work Monday morning, and information from all sections is to the effect that enrollments are large. Educational officials are of the belief that a very competent group of teachers has been employed, and confidently expect a most satisfactory term. Schools, under a recent act of the State Legislature, will continue for eight months, ending around the middle of March.

## List of Teachers

Following is a list of principals and teachers who began work in the various schools Monday:

Oak Grove: Cleve Gross and Mrs. Annie Walker.  
Bimbo: Mrs. Ray Estes, Grace Edmisten and Ruth Farthing.  
Cool Springs: Dewey Mitchell.  
Rominger: Doughton Greene, Cleo Walker.

Valle Crucis: Clint Baird, Mrs. Alice Perry, Pearl Payne.  
Bradshaw: Wylmoth Bradshaw.  
Howards Creek: J. D. Horton, Mrs. J. D. Horton.

Cooke: Grace Mast.  
Miller: Dale Norris and Mrs. Paul Norris.

Green Valley: C. G. Hodges, Flay Cannon, Alice Taylor.

Deep Gap: Essie Henson, Lola Moretz, Leona Moretz, Mattie Miller.

Cast: Ruth Phillips Howell.  
Timbered Ridge: Ford Henson, Myrtle Harmon.

Rich Mountain: Cecil Glenn, Gladys Glenn Mast.

Kellerville: Smith Harmon, Alice Mast.

Fresnell: Martha Harmon.  
Foscoe: Lola Rowe, Bessie Lee Fox.

Windy Gap: John K. Perry.  
Forest Grove: John Ward, Mrs. Minnie Johnson.

Ivy Ridge: Roby Vines.  
Stoney Fork: Paul Greene, Earl Hanson.

Mt. Paron: Lucy Greene.  
Elk: Vaughn Mast, Olin Triplett, Thompson, Mack Cowles.

Grandfather: George Harmon, Effie Fox Baird.

Rutherford: Mrs. Brantley Duncan.

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## ALL-STAR BALL TEAM IS FORMED

Stellar Diamond Performers of Watauga League Will Play Hendersonville Team on 8th. Other Games Being Scheduled.

Players have been selected as an all-star team to represent Watauga League in a series of games the first of which will be played at Hendersonville Tuesday, August 8th. Arrangements are being made to play several other all-star teams during the summer and these players are requested to report at the ball grounds at Boone Thursday at 2:30 for practice.

The Henderson County all-stars will be in Boone Tuesday, August 15th, for a return game and the third game, if it is necessary to be played in order to determine winner, will be played on some neutral grounds at a date to be determined after these games have been finished. Efforts are being put forward to get games with the Asheville-Alleghany League as well as the Wilkes County League, picked teams to be used.

## Players Announced

The following players have been selected to play on the Watauga all-star team:

Pitchers: Bill Lentz, Henry Greene, Clint Mast, Olin Miller.

Catchers: Pete Hagaman, Clem Triplett and Paul Cook.

First Base: Hugh Hagaman, Stanley Norris.

Second Base: Carl Trippany, Gene Lentz.

Third Base: Roscoe Cook, Clint Mast.

Shortstop: John Church and Ross Lentz.

Outfield: Coker Triplett, Jack Cragg, Blaine Miller, Tomp Presnell, Jim Burkett and Shuford Edmisten.

## Legion and Auxiliary Will Meet Thursday

Because of a conflict with the Fiddlers Convention being staged by the organization, the American Legion will hold its regular meeting on Thursday evening of this week, rather than on Friday as usual. The Auxiliary will meet at the same time, and it is urged that there be a full attendance at both of these meetings.