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## BOONE SKETCHES

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### A CALL FOR YOU, GENERAL!

Democratic North Carolina, loyal to the last drop of her heroic blood, backing the Roosevelt Administration in every single effort, barring prohibition, . . . has soitenly "shot a crap." Governor Ehringhaus a few weeks ago issued an eloquent proclamation urging all employers of labor in this State to sign one or another of General Johnson's multitudinous codes. The tobacco manufacturers lined up, the textile manufacturers came in, the publishers agreed, the contractors concurred, the furniture trades signed, the butcher, the baker, the candlestick maker, all of them swallowed the NRA, hook, line and sinker, often at great personal loss, and settled back to watch the Blue Eagle of Recovery strut its stuff. But the State Highway Department, closely supervised by one of the dear old Governor's right-hand buddies, refrained from any action whatsoever. And today those gallant road-builders who, some eighteen months ago, stood by Ehringhaus because "it meant their jobs," are managing to exist on wages far below those paid by other employers. "Doogaloo" workers right here in Watauga, untrained in highway work and oftentimes unaccustomed to labor of any sort, are garnering thirty cents per hour for their half-hearted efforts, while skilled foremen with records dating back to the Morrison era supervise them for a dollar sixty. John Christophere Blucher, you'd better do something . . . or we're going to send for General Johnson!

### GLANCING ABOUT

The death of national prohibition and the dawn of legitimate liquor fetched along a batch of unusual parallels, some funny, some foolish, some downright disgusting. Glancing about the streets and scanning newspaper columns, the following digest of world events has been compiled for the busy reader.

Cameron Morrison adjusts a brand new slug of plug in his jaw and declares that all he wants is a seat in the State convention. . . . Prominent newspaper man gives Clyde Hoey his choice of the "political plate lunch" soup to nuts. . . . Latter Day Saints reject eighteenth amendment over the protests of Brigham's church. . . . Pennsylvania, cradle of prohibition, wrecks Vanc machine and repudiates dry laws, as the Buckeye State, parent of the Anti-Saloon League, legalizes booze by near a million votes. . . . Major LaGuardia, Sicilian barber, twists the tail of the Tammany tiger and becomes mayor of Manhattan, as poor old Texas Guinan, who had thumbed her nose at prohibition to the tune of millions, slipped quietly away to the Canada of the Great Unknown. . . . Al Smith, scarred veteran of the "war on the Pope," expresses satisfaction over the repeal of "something that should never have been in the Constitution," visits the White House in company with John Raskob, and discusses the problem of "grandchildren" with President Roosevelt. . . . Bob Reynolds, North Carolina's champion of the late lamented repeal movement, gallantly admits that the "people have spoken," calls on Director John T. Hurley of the prohibition division, and is assured that North Carolina "leggers will be protected from outside competition." . . . Governor Ehringhaus, shy as a school-girl, coyly confesses that he cast a "grim" ballot at Elizabeth City. . . . Grim-faced gangsters from up around the Great Lakes check North Carolina highways, make local contacts, and promise their thirsty clientele a amber flood of "Golden Wedding," "Log Cabin," "Four Roses," "Old Taylor" and the like by Christmas. . . . Winter visitors to the Sand Hills region cancel reservation by the hundreds because they desire to "drink legally." . . . Jake Newell "happy as a coll" knee-deep in clover, declares that the Republicans have won a smashing victory. . . . United Dry Forces make plans to execute the beer law at the next session of the State Legislature. . . . Unknown party casts lone ballot for repeal in Elk Township (Watauga County). . . . Flashy blonde, expert concocter and sampler of high-powered drinks, boasts of having "voted dry." . . . Honest boot-legger, with the "good of his country" at heart, refuses twelve-ounce bottles, pointing out to an astonished clerk that fourteen ounces is the right sort of a pint. . . . Avowed repealists refuse to drink blockade liquor, and

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## JUNIOR ORDER TO OFFER PRIZES FOR ESSAYS ON CRIME

Fraternal Organization Drafts Resolution Pledging Aid in Movement to Check Crime Wave in Watauga and Offers Three Cash Prizes for Best Essays on Crime Prevention. High School Students Are Eligible.

At the last regular session of the local Junior Order, United American Mechanics, Attorney Wade E. Brown sponsored a resolution upholding the Citizens Anti-Crime Organization, pledging the support of the order, and at the same time announcing an essay contest for high school students, in which ten dollars will be awarded for the best papers. The resolutions, which contain details of the contest and which were unanimously approved, follow:

### The Resolution

"Whereas, there has been organized in Watauga County a Citizens Organization for the prevention of crime."

"Whereas, it is one of the cardinal principles of the Junior Order, United American Mechanics, to uphold the Constitution and laws of the State and Nation;

"Whereas, it is realized by all thinking men and women that successful crime prevention can come about only through a process of education;

"Now, therefore, be it resolved, First, that the Daniel Boone Council No. 129 of the J. O. U. A. M., endorse wholeheartedly the principles set out in the constitution of the above referred to organization.

"Second, That for the purpose of promoting public interest in crime prevention, and for the further purpose of encouraging education among the youth of our county toward making better citizens, the Daniel Boone Council No. 129 of the J. O. U. A. M., under the direction of its counselor, offer three cash prizes in the sum of 1st, \$5.00; 2nd, \$3.00, and 3rd, \$2.00 for the first, second and third best essays written by high school pupils of Watauga County on the subject of 'The Prevention of Crime.'"

### Rules of the Contest

1. Essays must be written by high school pupils of Watauga County, and shall contain not less than 100 and not more than 500 words, subject matter being the main basis for selecting the winners, but neatness, originality, etc., being considered.

2. Each high school in Watauga County shall by proper elimination submit the three best essays from that high school and submit them to a central committee to be selected and announced by the Junior Order at Boone.

3. The name of the High School in which the pupil is studying shall appear on his or her paper, but the names of the pupils shall be kept by the school and his or her paper shall be designated by the name of the school and the pupils number, and a record of the numbers assigned to each pupil kept by the school, and not made known until after the winners have been selected.

4. All the papers shall be submitted to the Junior Order Council not later than Saturday night, February 10, 1934.

## Major Capus White Will Speak Friday

As was announced last week, Major Capus White of Raleigh will address World War and Spanish War veterans and all others who care to come at the courthouse in Boone on Friday evening at 7:30 o'clock. All veterans are asked to be present, and other citizens are also invited. Ladies are especially asked to come. Major White is State Commander of the Spanish War Veterans, is an able speaker and his discourse will be interesting and instructive.

## Seek Foodstuffs for The Grandfather Home

The Democrat is in receipt of a letter from Grandfather Orphans Home, in which it stated that a truck from that institution will be in Boone, Saturday, October 25th, to secure such provender as the people in this section wish to donate for the sustenance of the ninety little children being cared for there. The late R. C. Rivers had hitherto solicited funds and food for the mountain kiddies being reared at Grandfather and his newspaper is anxious that the donation this year be as generous as in the past.

All those who wish to divide their potatoes, apples, canned goods or other food with the mountain children will please bring or send their gift to The Democrat office before the 25th. Likewise any monetary offering may be left with the publisher.

## Baptizing Ceremony Down In Georgia



An excellent photograph of a scene, wherein Rev. J. Gorman Garrison of the Midway Baptist Church, near Ocklawnee, Ga., prepared to baptize a number of converts in a near-by stream as members of the church and their friends took part in the ceremony from the shore.

## CAMPAIGN FOR RED CROSS NOW UNDER WAY IN WATAUGA

Committees Have Been Named in Various Sections of County to Take Part in Drive Which Opened Monday. Officials Are Hopeful that the Goal of Two Hundred Dollar Memberships May Be Reached.

The Annual Red Cross Roll Call, begun in this county Tuesday, and Austin E. South, chairman of the membership campaign, is hopeful that Watauga will go over the top this year and raise two hundred dollars, the amount which officials believe would be a reasonable goal. Committees have been appointed in the various sections of Watauga County, and groups of canvassers began promptly in Boone to solicit memberships, and already the little red crosses are beginning to appear in windows and on coat lapels.

Mesdames Travy Combs, Paul A. Coffey, D. F. Greene, Rob Rivers and Frank Robbins, and Misses Gertrude Perry and Maise Jones have been canvassing the town of Boone, and the first dollar memberships reported are:

A. E. Hamby, Dr. J. M. Gaither, Dr. R. Z. Linney, Mrs. S. C. Eggers, Mrs. J. L. Qualls, Dr. C. L. Rhyne, Dr. C. E. Moose, L. C. Jones, R. F. McDade, L. T. Tutun, Spainhour Store and Rob Rivers.

One-half of the dollar fee collected goes to national headquarters, and is used in alleviating suffering in calamities of nation-wide scope. The other fifty cents remains with the local organization for meeting conditions of distress at home. Watauga Chapter has been enabled to render much aid to worthy people up until the time of the bank closing, and the small amount of money on hand has since been unavailable. Therefore, it is hoped and believed that during the present campaign, which closes on the 30th, people will respond generously, to the end that the treasury may be replenished.

## Clarence Coffey Dies Suddenly in New Jersey

Clarence O. Coffey, 42 years old, native of the Foscoe community and for the past twenty-five years attached to the United States Army, died at his post of duty in New Brunswick, New Jersey, Sunday, according to a telegram to homefolks here. The message did not state what was thought to have been the exact cause of his death, only bringing word that he died "suddenly."

Funeral services are to be conducted this morning at 10 o'clock from the Advent Christian Church in the home neighborhood, by the pastor, Rev. S. E. Cragg, and interment will follow in Calloway Cemetery, Foscoe. Surviving is the widow, the former Miss Beulah Berry, and one son, Clarence Jr., a step-mother, Mrs. J. F. Coffey, three sisters and two brothers: Mesdames Edna Hodges and George Williams, of Boone; Mrs. Rose Aldridge, who resides in the State of Washington; Stanford and Jessie Coffey, of the home neighborhood. A sister, Miss Eva Mae Coffey, also survives.

Mr. Coffey was born and reared to young manhood in the Shulls Mills section, but about twenty-five years ago enlisted in the United States Army, where he carved for himself a fine record. For the past six years he has been military instructor at Rutgers University. He was a member of the Blue Ridge Advent Christian Church for many years, and was known as a very worthy young man. He was widely known throughout this section and had a host of friends. He visited home infrequently, but was here two years ago and mixed for a few days with boyhood friends.

## Falling Tree Fatal To "Peanut" Coffey

Milton (Peanut) Coffey, 23-year-old prisoner, a native of Blowing Rock, was killed Monday afternoon near the Polk Prison Farm, when a tree fell upon him as he worked with a gang in clearing land.

The Raleigh dispatch stated that Coffey's chest was crushed by a limb of the tree, a section of the limb landing in the region of the heart. He lived only about fifteen minutes.

Young Coffey was sent up from Watauga Superior Court at the fall term, 1933, to serve a sentence of from 7 to 10 years on a store-breaking charge, growing out of the robbery of the T. L. Critcher store at Bamboo some time previous.

No information is available as to the disposal of the body, which likely will be returned to Watauga for interment.

## LOCAL MEN ON FEDERAL JURY

Middle District Court Convened in Wilkesboro Monday with Judge Hayes Presiding. Wataugans Summoned for Service.

Judge Johnson J. Hayes will preside at a regular term of Federal Court for the Middle District, to convene in Wilkesboro on next Monday, November 20th. A number of Wataugans have been summoned for jury service for this term as follows:

Lee Mast, Sherwood; Collis Greene, Blowing Rock; Raleigh Johnson, Vilas; V. C. Cox, Triplett; Walter Brown, Laxon; D. C. Coffey, Stone; D. L. Greene, Zionville; W. M. Mast, Valle Crucis; Elbert Vannoy, Hodges Gap; W. O. Robertson, Boone; Clyde Perry, Sugar Grove.

## Mrs. R. S. Walker Dies From Heart Ailment

Mrs. R. S. Walker, aged 83 years, died on the 5th at the home of a nephew, Joe McNeil, at Vilas, after a week's illness with a heart ailment.

Funeral services were conducted from Laurel Springs Baptist Church at Laxon by the Rev. Finley Watts and burial was in the church cemetery, beside the grave of the husband, who had been dead many years. There were no children.

Mrs. Walker was the former Miss Rachael McNeil, and was born at Puarial, Wilkes County. She came to Watauga about 50 years ago, and has lived here since. She was a long-time member of the Baptist Church, was consistent in her religious affiliation and was loved by a wide circle of acquaintances.

## Watauga's Official Vote In The Prohibition Election Nov. 7th

Township	Con.	No. Con.	Rep.	Dry
Bald Mountain	4	147	2	149
Beaver Dam	8	287	11	289
Blue Ridge	23	193	18	202
Blowing Rock	74	192	63	211
Boone	134	842	185	843
Cove Creek	128	369	195	403
Elk	1	125	1	125
Laurel Creek	40	187	72	159
Meat Camp No. 1	28	285	22	298
Meat Camp No. 2	3	36	3	36
North Fork	2	63	2	63
Shawneehaw	13	131	13	131
Stony Fork	66	228	65	235
Watauga	43	352	24	372
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>567</b>	<b>3437</b>	<b>676</b>	<b>3516</b>

## DR. COFFEY MEETS DEATH IN FLAMING INFERNO OF PLANE

Internationally-Known Surgeon, Native of Caldwell, Perishes with Three Others When Ship Crashes Into Hills Near Portland, Oregon, Had Relatives in Watauga. Gained Attention of World for Skill.

Dr. R. C. Coffey, internationally known surgeon and medical authority, a native of the Mulberry section of Caldwell County, and who had many relatives in Watauga, met death last Friday when the airplane in which he was traveling crashed in the woods near Portland, Ore., and became a flaming funeral pyre. Three other persons died in the crash, which came when a pilot lost his way in a dense fog. Funeral services were held in Portland Sunday.

### Outline of Life

Dr. Coffey was born in the Mulberry section of Caldwell, the son of P. V. and Marticia Coffey. He married Ellen Coffey of Colletsville, sister of F. H. Coffey of Lenoir, in 1894, and in addition to his wife, he is survived by three sons, Dr. J. A. Coffey, Dr. Robert Mayo Coffey and Wilson Coffey, all of Portland, Ore.

He was head of the Coffey Clinic of Portland at the time of his death. Dr. Coffey was internationally known for his operation, one of which he demonstrated before the London and Paris medical societies last year. His fame spread when he successfully performed the operation of removing the bladder in a human and attaching the tubes from the kidney to the large bowel. The operation of reattaching the stomach to the back is known as "the Coffey operation" and has also brought him much fame.

### Schooled at Globe

His early education was received at the Globe Academy under J. F. Spainhour and R. L. Patton. He was graduated by the Louisville Medical (Continued on Page 8)

## Ira Brown Succumbs Wednesday Morning

Ira Brown, 52, prominent resident of the Meat Camp section, died at his home last Wednesday morning, after an illness of several days.

Funeral services were conducted on Thursday at 2 o'clock from the Meat Camp Baptist Church by Revs. W. D. Ashley and W. C. Payne, and interment was in the neighborhood cemetery.

A large crowd of friends came to pay their respects at the bier of a departed friend.

The pallbearers were: Jake Ragan, John Ragan, Lloyd Hayes, Glenn Brown, Robert Shull, Frank Lewis. Honorary pallbearers: Alfred Brown, N. M. Greene, June Brockshire, Jack Norris, George Hayes and D. L. Greene.

The large floral offering was borne by members of the Intermediate Sunday School Class of Three Forks Church and the following: Edna McBrown, Sue Ragan, Annie Clawson, Clara Coffey, Lucy Brown, Fae Brown, Annie Norris, Dorothy Brown, Dalphna Brown, Leo Norris and Carrie Jones.

Surviving is the widow and the following children: Roy Brown, Boone; Mrs. G. C. Greene, Boone; Mrs. B. F. Bentley, North Wilkesboro. Three sisters also survive, Mrs. T. C. Norris, Medford, Oregon; Mrs. Lula Ragan, Boone; Mrs. Tom Farthing, Butler, Tenn.

Mr. Norris had been a member of the Three Forks Church since he was 18 years old, and always took an intense interest in religious activities. He was a farmer by occupation, and co-operated in all movements which he believed would react to the advantage of the community, county and state. He was well known and much admired for his fine traits of citizenship.

## Body of Infant Found Near Shulls Mills

A well-developed infant, found in an outside toilet on the Woody farm near Shulls Mills, precipitated a coroner's investigation at the courthouse Sunday, in an effort to determine whether or not there had been foul play in the baby's death.

Coroner J. B. Hagaman presided at the hearing and the jury after listening to testimony by three prominent physicians, concurred in the belief that the infant had never breathed following birth, and no charges were lodged against anyone in connection with the miniature corpse.

Information is that the dead child was first discovered by Claud Shore, owner of the farm on which the outbuilding was located, and that he, in company with neighbors, immediately brought the body to Boone for official investigation. The mother, who resides in that community, bears an excellent reputation, it is said.