

BOONE SKETCHES

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THE AMENDMENT GOES

Utah, private domain of Elder Brigham Young's ultra-modern saints, held a friendly pow-wow in its spacious State House a couple of evenings ago, and ratified the Twenty-first Amendment to the Constitution of the United States. Utah was the thirty-sixth Commonwealth of the Union to place its stamp of disapproval on national prohibition, and Volsteadism has officially been relegated to the boneyard of high and noble experiments. With the return of legal booze, the Nation faces problems equally as serious as those which it confronted during the fifteen years of bootleg dominion. Dry states are asking for the aid of Federal officers in keeping legal spirits without their borders. . . . and a bottle of tax-paid liquor, properly blended and aged, is destined to be looked on with disapproval in these Saharan regions, while home-grown white-mule, charged with vermouth and guaranteed to make the imbiber see white elephants will flow on forever. . . . the favored beverage of a hard-drinking race.

Broadway, with its bright lights and speakeasies and night clubs, accepted the announced funeral of the Eighteenth Amendment silently. . . . a muttered prayer here and there, perhaps, that the quality of liquor and champagne and gin will improve with State control. Out in Illinois where Capone's cut alcohol has scorched the tonsils of the drinking gentry for a decade or more, folks just blinked their eyes and wondered what old-fashioned Scotch and bourbon looked like. . . . and wondered about the price. Down in Louisiana Huey Long, the Baptist deacon, was busily engaged in hand-picking a fair lady Congress member, and those opposed to his allegedly unscrupulous methods shouldered arms, burned a dozen or so ballot boxes, cussed and ranted and raised particular. . . . not even slightly interested in the repeal proceedings. . . . for the boys along the Gulf have been bellying up to the bar without fear or restraint for many moons. . . . perhaps a couple of hundred years. . . . so the Twenty-first Amendment was nothing new to them.

Virginians, without liquor laws of any kind (and without tax-paid booze), scratched their heads and wondered how long it would be. South Carolinians held a State convention and decided against repeal of the 18th Amendment just about the time the 18th Amendment ceased to be. It was really and truly a colorless affair, this repeal business. From coast to coast, folks just moved along without any shouting or crying. . . . happy, we guess, that the whole muddled affair was being kicked out of the picture.

North Carolina had a quiet weekend, due, it is believed, to the aridity of its voting populace. Only twenty-five or thirty were killed in accidents due to the effects of bootleg liquor. Caldwell, which thirty days ago voted against repeal four to one, crowded its jail house with forty-three drunks, a fairly good crop for any dry county.

Watauga officials did a right nifty business. . . . they jailed a few errand boys, perhaps led a few more to their homes, and it is alleged, failed to locate several others who might possibly have had just a couple or three snorts. A gentleman who appeared to know his onions stated Tuesday evening that, in his opinion, liquor could still be obtained in limited quantities locally!

SPEAKING OF HUNTERS

Due to a hallowed precedent set by our Pilgrim Fathers way back yonder when the country was young and Indians were bad and game of all kinds was plentiful, people, even in this enlightened age, fare forth into field and forest each Thanksgiving Day with their shotguns and rifles. . . . to kill just for the joy of killing. God Almighty and His beautiful blessings are forgotten. . . . the lust of the slayer wells in the heart of the hunter, crowding from his very soul the prayer which should be directed toward his Maker for the beneficent gifts of His love. The quail, the cottontail, the grouse. . . . inoffensive little units of life fall before his deadly aim, and the hunter is pleased—tickled pink. He calls it sport! He cares nothing for the killing. Edwin Carlisle Litsay is the author of the following poem:

Death in his heart and death in his gun
The hunter goes where wild things run.
The image of God is out today,
His heart aflame with the lust to slay;
But only the devil will guide his aim,
And the course of the lead which will kill or maim;
And it will be murder in field or bush,
When the hare leaps out, or the coverts flush.
Driven by hunger a man may slay,
But what shall we think when he kills for play?
Turn back, O hunter, and let them be,
The harmless creatures of grass and tree.

STATE AUTOMOBILE SALES ALMOST DOUBLE LAST YEAR

Raleigh.—North Carolinians during the first 11 months of this year purchased nearly twice as many automobiles as during the same period of 1932 and sales in November were nearly three times as great as in November last year.

L. S. Harris, director of the state motor vehicle bureau, reported that 2,320 new passenger cars and 455 trucks, or 2,775 vehicles, were sold in the State in November.

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FEDERAL DRY LAW OFFICIALLY KILLED BY PROCLAMATION

President Roosevelt Declares End of Eighteenth Amendment and Appeals for Greater Respect for the Law. Opposes Return of the Open Saloon. To Prohibit Transportation of Liquor into Dry States.

Washington.—A doubly purposed proclamation, putting an official end to prohibition and calling on Americans to help restore respect for law and order, was issued Tuesday night by President Roosevelt.

The proclamation, an unusual one, was signed by the Chief Executive shortly after Acting Secretary Phillips had certified that 36 states had approved the repealing amendment.

The national recovery act made it mandatory that the Chief Executive proclaim the end of prohibition in order to abolish a series of special taxes.

The President made a special plea that no State authorize return of the saloon either in its old form or in a new guise and said the objective being sought through a national policy was education of every citizen toward greater temperance.

In asking for co-operation with the government in an effort to restore respect for law and order, the President enjoined all citizens and others in the United States to confine their purchases of alcoholic beverages solely to licensed dealers.

Would Remedy Evil

"The policy of the government will be to see to it that the social and political evils that have existed in the pre-prohibition era shall not be revived nor permitted again to exist," he said. "We must remove forever from our midst the menace of the bootlegger and such others as would profit at the expense of good government and law and order."

He said the observance of his request for purchases solely from licensed dealers or agencies was made "personally to every individual and every family" in the nation and would result in consumption of beverages which had passed federal inspection, in the break-up and eventual destruction of the "notoriously evil, illicit liquor traffic," and payment of reasonable taxes for support of the government.

The proclamation directed "specific attention" to authority given the government by the repeal amendment to prohibit transportation or importation of intoxicating liquors into dry states.

In concluding the President said: "I trust in the good sense of the American people that they will not bring upon themselves the curse of excessive use of intoxicating liquors to the detriment of health, morals and social integrity."

Noah Isaacs Dies After Short Illness

Noah Isaacs, 65 years old, well-known resident of Neva, Tenn., died at his home last Thursday after an illness of several days with pneumonia. Funeral services were held from the home, meager reports indicate, and interment was in the cemetery there. There are no immediate survivors.

Mr. Isaacs was born on Cove Creek in Watauga County, a son of the late Albert Isaacs. He was well known and highly respected in the county of his nativity. He had resided in the Tennessee village for about eight years.

MRS. ALICE COUNCELL CELEBRATES 101st BIRTHDAY

Mrs. Alice M. Council of Hickory, for many years a resident of Boone, quietly observed the 101st anniversary of her birth on Friday, December 1st.

Mrs. Council is the oldest living alumna of Salem College and among treasured messages received at her Hickory home were those from Dr. and Mrs. Howard Rondthaler, former president of Salem College, and the student body of the female institution where Mrs. Council was educated many years ago. The latter message said "Your little sisters at Salem College are thinking of you today and send love and best wishes for many happy birthdays."

Although she has grown weaker and frailer the past year, Mrs. Council remains active and personally received all of her callers Friday. She has three living children, Mrs. E. A. Taylor, with whom she makes her home; Judge W. B. Council of Hickory, and I. L. Council of Waynesville.

LIBRARY SCIENCE COURSE AT LEES-MCRAE COLLEGE

Banner Elk.—Miss Alison Stirling, librarian of Lees-McRae College, is conducting a course in library science in which twelve students are enrolled. The course, which meets one hour a week, does not carry this year any college credit but gives practical training in the cataloging and care of books and is designed to give those enrolled the ability to take care of a small school or county library. Students in the course include the six students who are now employed in the Lees-McRae Library and six others taking it for vocational training.

Graduates of the Lees-McRae course in library science are now holding positions in the Davidson College library.

Acting Secretary Morgenthau and the U. S. Treasury Staff



General Counsel



Acting Secretary



Fiscal Affairs



Administrative



Public Relations



Taxation

Herewith are presented the men who now head the Treasury Department at Washington, a realignment brought about when Secretary Woodin was granted leave of absence in an attempt to regain his health. No. 1, Herman Oliphant, general counsel to the secretary; No. 2, Acting Secretary Henry Morgenthau Jr.; No. 3, Earle Baily, in charge of fiscal affairs; No. 4, Wm. H. McReynolds, Administrative Assistant; No. 5, Herbert E. Gaston, public relation; No. 6, Boswell Magill, adviser on taxation.

RED CROSS DRIVE COMES TO CLOSE

Austin E. South, Roll Call Chairman Releases List of Those Subscribing. Complete Reports from Various Sections Not Yet Received.

The Red Cross Roll Call campaign came to a close Thanksgiving, and Austin E. South, chairman of the drive, has released an incomplete list of those subscribing. Some few places have not as yet reported, but the list available is as follows:

Miss Helen Underdown, Smith Hagaman, Mrs. Smith Hagaman, Mrs. Carrie H. Bingham, Miss Jewel Hagaman, Edw. N. Hahn, G. P. Hagaman, J. B. Brewer, Jim Rivers, U. B. Johnson, Rob Rivers, A. E. Hanby, J. M. Guither, Spahnours, Inc., City Meat Market, R. F. McDade, L. G. Jones, G. K. Moore, C. L. Rhyme, Mrs. J. L. Qualls, S. C. Eggers, R. Z. Linney, Mrs. L. H. Stelling, Van Teague, Frances H. McGinnis, Mrs. W. B. Wagner (sustaining \$10.00); R. A. Olsen, Miss Virginia Bouldin, Miss Ruth Pember, Miss Isabel Graves, Mrs. John Perry, Mrs. D. F. Mast, John C. Dyer, Mrs. W. W. Mast, W. W. Mast, Mrs. Emily Toll Hopkins, Miss Mary Wagner, Miss Polly Basson, Miss Virginia Sally, Miss Letitia Ricard, Mrs. C. D. Taylor, Mrs. Ben Farthing.

J. D. Rankin, Miss Louise Rables, Leonard Eury, A. Antonakas, Miss Virginia Wary, Miss Maude Cathcart, Miss Lily Dale, Juliana Yoder, J. M. Downum, Miss Cora LeMay, Miss Mercer Jackson, Miss Pearl Payne, Mrs. L. M. Hampton, Miss Martha Harris, Stanley Harris Jr., Mrs. Mary S. Harris.

Mrs. D. M. Milton (\$15.00), Norma B. Gragg, Mrs. Spencer Greene, Mrs. Wade Klutz, Mrs. D. P. Coffey, Miss E. Hoogher, Dr. M. C. Warfield, H. P. Holshouser, Mrs. W. L. Holshouser, Mrs. H. M. Tharrington, Northwest Carolina Utilities, Inc., Mrs. Joe Cannon, Mrs. John Walsh, Dave P. Mast, Mrs. J. Winkler, Lena Reeves, Mrs. Lloyd Robbins, Mrs. C. S. Prevette, Mrs. Gene Story.

John K. Moore Dies Suddenly in Lenoir

Funeral services for John K. Moore, 64, prominent Lenoir business man who died suddenly in that city on Wednesday, were held in the Methodist Church there on Friday afternoon.

Mr. Moore was well known by Watauga County people, as with a brother, George E. Moore, he used to be engaged in the conduct of the Blowing Rock Hotel during the summer months. He was a prominent figure in the business life of his community, and had been well known in political as well as fraternal circles.

Lee Gross Is Named New Police Chief

Mr. Lee Gross, of Adams, has been named as Chief of Police for the town of Boone to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Hill Hagaman, and took over the duties of his office the first of the month. Mr. Gross served in this capacity for many years, and the action of the board in re-employing him is meeting with approval, since he is a particularly efficient officer, and is relentless in his attitude toward law-breakers.

THREE FORKS ASSOCIATION TO HOLD SPECIAL MEETING

The Three Forks Baptist Association is called to meet in special session at the Boone Baptist Church at 2 o'clock Sunday, December 10, 1933.

At this meeting, if the delegates present think it wise, a clerk will be elected to fill the vacancy caused by the death of our beloved W. Y. Perry.

Some of our denominational leaders are expected to be present and a full representation from each church is urged.

W. D. FARTHING, Moderator

JESSE MAST JAILED IN INSURANCE DEAL

Jesse Mast, resident of the State of Washington, was arrested Sunday by Sheriff Howell under a warrant issued by a representative of the State Insurance Department, for violation of the insurance laws. In default of \$1,000 bond he remained in jail until Wednesday morning, when bail was arranged. Mast is also charged with possession of whisky, a half-gallon having been found in the car when he was arrested.

The warrant was said to have been issued as a result of the sale of policies in the Interstate Benevolent society, which was organized by Mr. Mast some time ago, and which appeared to have had something of the form of a burial association. Understanding is that subscribers were to pay so much upon the death of a member, and that the plan was contrary to law, in that the promoter was not bonded to take care of the benefits. Attorney John E. Brown, J. M. Moretz and Dr. J. M. Hodges were listed as directors of the organization.

Inability of a representative of the insurance department to be here at Tuesday's court, made it necessary to postpone trial until next Tuesday.

JOSEPH MORETZ DIES AT AGE OF 86

Prominent Resident of the Meat Camp Section Succumbs Saturday. Had Been Ill Two Weeks. Funeral on Sunday at Mount Pleasant.

Joseph L. Moretz, 86 years old, a well-known resident of the Meat Camp community, died at his home last Saturday evening after an illness of two weeks' duration. Funeral services were conducted from the Mt. Pleasant Lutheran Church on Sunday by the pastor, Rev. J. A. Yount, who was assisted by Dr. W. A. Deaton, and interment was in the church cemetery.

A large crowd of friends and relatives gathered from widely divergent points to pay their respects to the memory of deceased and the floral offerings were profuse.

Survivors include the widow and five sons, J. M. Moretz and P. W. Moretz of Boone; McCoy Moretz, of Charlotte; J. Alfred Moretz, Hickory; and Leonard Moretz, of Wynn, Arkansas. All were present for the funeral except the last named. Thirty grandchildren survive.

Pioneer Merchant
Mr. Moretz was born and reared in Watauga County, and for many years was engaged in the mercantile business, being perhaps the oldest merchant of the county. In later years he devoted most of his time to agricultural pursuits, and his health was good enough that he and his 88-year-old wife raised a large crop this year.

When the Civil War broke out, four brothers enlisted in the Confederate armies. Mr. Moretz was a little young for service and was the only child to remain with his parents. However, he came to Boone on the day Ephraim Norris was killed by the Yankee raiders for the purpose of enlistment, but he never actually entered the ranks.

He was a charter member of the Mount Pleasant Lutheran Church, his father having been one of the first Lutherans in this county. He devoted much of his attention to church work and was a fine, upstanding citizen. He reared a family, each surviving member of which fills an important part in the life of his respective community.

SOCIALIST SECRETARY TO BE IN BOONE AT AN EARLY DATE

Mr. Alton Lawrence, State secretary of the Socialist party, will be in Boone at an early date, it is announced. Anyone interested in Socialism is asked to get in touch with Madison Miller, Box R, Boone, N. C.

COMMISSIONERS ASK ASSEMBLAGE

Proclamation Calls for Gathering of the People on December 12th to Hear Radio Discussions of Governmental Program.

The Board of County Commissioners of Watauga County, in regular session Monday, issued a proclamation calling upon the people to assemble on December 12th to hear a radio program in which State and local leaders will present for consideration a "governmental program of immediate practical importance to the people of North Carolina." The proclamation is as follows:

"WHEREAS, the public officers, the private citizens and the high school and college student officials have joined together in building the Institute of Government to carry on continuous comparative studies of the workings of their government in the cities, the counties and the State of North Carolina and to bring about closer co-ordination of the efforts of officers and citizens in governmental administration;

"WHEREAS, this program has met with uniform and sustained support from the people in all sections of the State, from governmental leaders and administrators in forty-four states of the Union and from the President of the United States;

"NOW, THEREFORE, we, Elmer McNeil, W. F. Miller and C. L. Billings, County Commissioners, at the request of the accredited representatives of the officers, citizens and students of this State and pursuant to a proclamation issued by the Governor of North Carolina do call upon (1) all county officials and employees to assemble informally on Tuesday, December 12, from 1:30 to 2:30 o'clock in the county courthouse; (2) all groups of citizens interested in their government; and (3) all students of civics and government to assemble informally in their respective meeting places and connect with a State-wide radio program over which State and local leaders will present for consideration a governmental program of immediate practical importance to the people of North Carolina."

Oak Grove Citizens Enjoy Bear Hunting

Messrs. John Green, Lionel Ward and Blue Hodges of Oak Grove recently participated in a successful bear hunt in the Mount Mitchell forest. A large party of men from different sections took along about 50 hounds and six bears were chased, two of them falling before the bullets of the hunters. They weighed 350 and 400 pounds, and enough of the meat was brought back by the Watauga boys to supply the families of the immediate community with bear as piece de resistance on Thanksgiving day.

DOLPH LYONS IS INJURED IN PECULIAR ACCIDENT

Dolphus Lyons was injured in a freak accident which occurred while he was working at the college Wednesday morning. A hole was being drilled in concrete with a hand drill, held by Lyons, and as a helper struck with the hammer a piece of steel left the drill head and penetrated the thick muscle of the left arm. The missile was described as being as large as a bullet, and went all the way through the arm.

METHODISTS TO HAVE BAZAAR

The annual bazaar and oyster supper sponsored by the missionary circles of the M. E. Church, South, will be held on Saturday, Dec. 9th, at the Caro-Jean Inn, beginning at 3:30 in the afternoon and continuing until 10 p. m. Articles of fancy work will be offered for sale, as well as oysters, chicken salad, cakes and pies. A cordial invitation is extended to all to attend.

ETHERIDGE SAYS BOONE HATCHERY WILL BE CLOSED

Director of Conservation and Development Regrets that Board Found it Necessary to Render Unanimous Decision Against Local Hatchery. Was Economy Move, He Says. Curtailment Cited as Necessary.

The Board of Conservation and Development has unanimously decided to close the fish hatchery at Rutherswood. The Democrat learns in a letter received from R. Bruce Etheridge, the director, who states that the action came as a result of decreased receipts and that some curtailment was absolutely necessary. Mr. Etheridge calls attention to the interest Watauga County citizens are taking in this matter and states that this fact makes the action of the board all the more to be regretted.

A great number of citizens had sought to alter the Board's decision when it was rumored that the hatchery must close. The Watauga Democrat was apprised of the action of the board in a letter from Mr. Etheridge, a portion of which is published:

"Answering yours of November 28 relative to the closing of the Boone Hatchery I wish to advise that it was the unanimous decision of the board that this hatchery be closed. Due to the decrease in our receipts and the fishing activities and the continued increase in the falling off of State revenue, some action and curtailment was absolutely necessary, and since the cost of production in this hatchery was in excess of the general cost of production and due to the inadequacy of the water supply, the board felt that this hatchery should be closed. I regret that it became necessary.

"I appreciate the interest that many of your citizens are taking in this matter and for this reason it makes the action of the board all the more to be regretted."

Christmas Seal Sales Are on in Watauga

The sale of Christmas Seals issued for the purpose of combating tuberculosis is now on in Watauga County, and Mrs. Mary S. Harris, of Amana, has again been named the chairman of the campaign. The sales of the tiny stickers will continue up until Christmas Day, and Mrs. Harris is anxious that the public show its usual enthusiastic response. At the same time she desires to explain that seventy-five per cent. of the money received remains in the county and will be used for the treatment of tuberculosis as well as for the purpose of providing milk for underweight school children, who are likely to be more susceptible to tuberculosis.

Successful Meeting Is Closed at Zionville

A two-weeks revival meeting was closed at the Zionville Baptist Church last Sunday when fourteen converts were administered the baptismal rite and ten others received into the fellowship of the congregation through letters and otherwise. Rev. W. D. Ashley, pastor of the church, was assisted throughout the meeting by the Reverends R. C. Eggers and W. C. Payne. There was good preaching every day, and large crowds came from the surrounding section. The meeting was pronounced one of the most successful held in that section, and every indication is that much lasting good was accomplished.

CURRENT HISTORY CLUB ADDRESS BY MR. BROWN

The Current History Club of Appalachian State Teachers College was addressed at its tri-weekly meeting Tuesday, November 21, by Wade E. Brown, Boone attorney. In the course of his interesting and informative address Mr. Brown stated that more current history had been recorded in the past nine months than in any similar period of time. Mr. Brown further stated that we are living in an age of opportunity, and we must not be deluged in grasping it.—Reported.

WOODROW MABRY NAMED CAPTAIN LEES-MCRAE SQUAD

Banner Elk.—Woodrow Mabry, of Albemarle, was elected 1933-34 football captain at the annual Lees-McRae football dinner held on Tuesday night of last week. Mabry succeeds as captain Robert Agie, also of Albemarle, and distinguished himself as quarterback during the last of the 1933 season. Mabry is a sophomore at Lees-McRae.

Approximately eight persons, the members of the squad and their guests, attended the dinner at which Edgar H. Tufts, president of Lees-McRae, presided. Football certificates were awarded by Dr. W. C. Tate, head of Grace Hospital at Banner Elk.

Charles T. Zimmerman, Boone attorney who formerly coached Lees-McRae, was among the speakers of the evening. Others who spoke briefly included Dr. R. H. Hardin of Grace Hospital, Leo K. Pritchett, superintendent of Lees-McRae, Rev. J. M. Murray of Banner Elk, and Coach Fred Dickerson, who was acclaimed for giving Lees-McRae its most successful football season in the history of the school.