

BOONE SKETCHES

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THE FIRST YEAR ENDS

Franklin D. Roosevelt, President of these little old United States, has just finished a year in office . . . and an account of his stewardship would reveal to John Q. Public a twelve-month of unparalleled achievement . . . three hundred and sixty-five days of honest-to-God scrapping with the big bad wolf . . . fifty-two weeks of faithful experimentation on the near lifeless carcass of a dearly-beloved gentlemen with candy-striped trousers and seersucker coat and star-handled hat.

As the first year of the Roosevelt administration slides away into glorious history, we inadvertently scratch the old bald spot, and glance backward to March 4th, 1933 . . . a misty, moody, nasty day when Hyde Park's pride and joy grabbed a handful of sky with his good right hand and pledged himself, mind and body, to a program of recovery which brought new hope and new heart to millions and millions of disillusioned people. The inaugural with its troops of cavalry, its thousands of marching feet, its bands, its pageantry, was a brilliant affair . . . but even before the new leader had been escorted to the White House, banks were "busting" in every nook and corner of the land . . . and the financial structure of America was gravely threatened.

Was he frightened? Don't be silly, children! He took the bull by the horns, declared a banking holiday, stepped up to the microphone and addressed his "dear friends and neighbors." From Broadway to the Golden Gate, from the Great Lakes to the Gulf . . . banker and beggar, rich and poor, well-fed and hungry citizens stood in rapt attention as the new President formed with them an equitable partnership . . . a happy, joyful partnership, a partnership based on all-but-forgotten principles. And the armies of reaction, the sinister hosts of fear, the shock-troops of rebellion . . . dissolved like mists of the morning in the light of a New Deal.

With an overwhelming majority in both houses of the Congress, Franklin D. called an extraordinary session of that august body . . . and he carried in his pistol pocket an unabridged copy of platform declarations which, apparently had swept him into the exalted position of Chief Executive. And residents of Uncle Sam's realm stood with gaping mouths as he "done just what he said he would."

Wielding a cudgel that made the "big stick" of Teddy look like an undersized splinter, Republican Congressmen and Senators . . . bulwarks of their party organization . . . lined up with F. D. R. like nobody's business, while Alfred Emanuel Smith, veteran of the War on the Pope, shouted of "baloney dollars" and railed ingloriously away from the standards of his beloved Democracy. Carter Glass, proponent of the glittering era, failed to concur as gold was relegated to the trash-heap . . . but Idaho's Borah and Nebraska's Norris and California's Johnson put able shoulders to the wheel as the Administrations band wagon moved on and on and on.

Conservative Democrats and Republicans shouted "Socialist," and Socialists shouted "Conservative," and the man in the streets, the forgotten man, strutted about like a peacock, full of vim and vigor . . . a full-fledged partner in a great scheme of recovery. Wool trebled in value, cotton soared from five to eleven cents, expectant mothers of grunting litters gave their lives by the millions to double the value of corn, and the staff of life ascended from the low thirties to better'n eighty cents a bushel. Potatoes and cabbage and mutton and beeswax and roots and herbs and lumber jumped into the limelight . . . almost as important as in days of yore . . . and millions of men deserted breadlines and returned to gainful employment as General Johnson cut his eagle loose.

Beer came back in an amber flood, the Eighteenth Amendment and the Volstead Act ceased to be . . . child labor, a national eye-sore, was banished by a code . . . tens of thousands of American youths were put to work in forest conservation . . . Red Russia, whiskers and all, was given the right hand of fellowship. And unlimited farm credit saved a multitude of farm homes from the hammer . . . and the Insulls and the Kruegers and the likes of 'em, who for generations had plagued the financial world, vanished, yea verily they fled to parts unknown as "unhealthy" statutes came into being.

The AAA and the CCC and the TVA and CWA and the PWA and the ERE . . . dozens and dozens of alphabetical combinations . . . were hatched by a resourceful "brain trust." Millions of men and women received employment on highways and byways and playgrounds and ditch lines and "little houses" and in sewing rooms and offices . . . and other millions got madder'n the devil because they were left on the anxious bench. And the President grinned and the people

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THOMAS LOVE IS DEAD; A VETERAN OF THE CIVIL WAR

Eighty-eight Year Old Confederate Soldier Passes After Long Period of Declining Health. Funeral Services at Brushy Fork Church by Rev. Ashley and Interment Nearby. Widow and Nine Children Survive.

Thomas J. Love, 88 years old and a survivor of the Confederate armies, died at the home of a son, Mr. D. S. Love, at Vilas last Saturday, the immediate cause of his death being a paralytic stroke. He had never been altogether well following a former stroke, more than twelve years ago.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday afternoon from the Brushy Fork Baptist Church by Rev. W. D. Ashley, and interment was at the Ward Cemetery.

Surviving is the 89-year-old widow and nine children, six boys and three girls: D. S. Love of Vilas; J. M. of Springfield, Mo.; J. H. B. C. and T. G. Love of Detroit, Mich.; F. M. Love, of Virginia; Mrs. W. A. Greer of Neva, Tenn.; Mrs. W. L. Short of Plastico, Va., and Mrs. J. P. Wilkinson, of Roanoke, Va. An aged brother, Rev. Joe Love, of Trade, Tenn., also survives, together with a large number of grandchildren.

An unusual fact is that Mr. Love's death, constituted the first in the immediate family for a period of fifty-nine years.

Thomas J. Love was born in the Rush Branch section of Beaver Dam township April 17, 1845. Outside of about three years he spent his entire life in Watauga County, where he was well known and had a wide circle of friends, who became attached to him because of his many fine traits of character. For the past 14 years he had made his home with a son, D. S. Love.

He enlisted in the Confederate army at Liberty Mills, Orange County, Virginia, in 1863. He was with Company E, 37th North Carolina Regiment and fought under Lee and Jackson. He surrendered to Grant's army on Sunday morning, April 2, 1865, at Appomattox. He was the only one of the veterans who didn't have a wound to show for his service, having gone through the conflict without injury.

FIELDEN BROOKS

Fielden Brooks, 39, a resident of Clifton, N. C., died at the local hospital on February 26th from pneumonia, and interment was in the family cemetery at Clifton, the arrangements being in charge of Reins-Sturdivant Funeral Home.

The rites were conducted by Rev. Hodges and the pall bearers consisted of the following, all of whom are veterans of the World War: Frank Shoemaker, Fred Welch, James Yates, Fulton Roten, George Richardson and John Roe.

Mr. Brooks was a veteran of the World War and saw active service on the fields of France. He had been an invalid for some time. Survivors include the widow, two sons and two daughters, Fielden Sherman, James Howard, Massie Alice and Virginia Elmira.

MRS. AMOS WARD

Mrs. Amos Ward, 72, died at her home in the Upper Laurel Creek section February 26th, from an illness with pellagra. She had been confined to her bed for twelve months. Rev. A. T. Watson conducted the funeral and interment was at the Ward grave yard.

Four children, Charles and James Ward, Mrs. Jane Montgomery and Sarah Ward survive, all residents of Watauga. Mrs. Ward was well known in her community, where she was reared, and was a member of Antioch Baptist Church.

BETTY RUTH DOWNS

Betty Ruth, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Downs, of Blowing Rock, died February 28th, and the little body was interred in the community cemetery March 1.

Joseph H. Norris Passes At Home on Route 1

Mr. Joseph H. Norris, 75, died at his home on Boone Route 1 Tuesday of last week, following a long illness. Funeral services were conducted on Wednesday by his former pastor, Rev. Leroy Wood, who was assisted by Revs. Charles Taylor and M. L. Smith, and burial took place in the Norris burying ground nearby.

Surviving are the following children: Mrs. Jim Wall, Mrs. Copeland Greene, Mrs. Jeff Houck, Henry and Robert Norris, all of Watauga, and Arthur Norris, of Seattle, Wash. Several grandchildren and great-grandchildren also survive.

Mr. Norris had been in declining health for several years, but had been a patient sufferer. He was a kind neighbor, a good citizen, and his passing will cause genuine grief amongst a wide circle of friends.

Baseball's Greatest



New York.—John J. McGraw (above), 60, called baseball's greatest figure, died last week with his beloved New York Giants as world champions. It was McGraw who picked and developed Manager Bill Terry and turned over to him the management when health failed in 1932. No man was happier than McGraw last fall when the fighting Giants beat Washington for the world title.

FOX HUNTERS MUST PURCHASE LICENSE

Director Etheridge Cites Law in Letter to Warden Grady Farthing. Chase May Be Enjoyed at All Times of the Year.

Watauga County sportsmen may chase foxes at any time during the year, but must procure licenses before doing so, says R. Bruce Etheridge, director of Conservation and Development. Replying to a letter from H. Grady Farthing, county game warden, Mr. Etheridge makes the following statement:

"You are correct in saying that Section 33 of the game laws gives authority to run foxes in Watauga County at any and all times during the year. This section, or amendment, to the State Game Law, was offered and passed by the effort of the representatives from Watauga and the other counties referred to in the provision of said section.

"However, the State Game Law classifies the fox as a game animal, and therefore, all persons hunting foxes in Watauga County are liable to the hunting license issued by the department. As you know, a Watauga County license entitles a hunter to hunt foxes in Watauga County and a State-wide license entitles a person to hunt foxes in any and all counties in the State. The proviso in Section 33 authorizing the hunting of foxes in Watauga and other counties in no way invalidates the license requirement mandatorily provided for by the State Law.

"I shall be glad to give you, or any citizen of your county, any additional information with respect to this matter or any provision of the law with reference to which they are in doubt."

Mr. Etheridge's letter sets at rest an argument of long standing between local sportsmen and game wardens. Mr. Farthing asks that those who have not bought their licenses see him at once. Sixty cents is the price, and those who expect to enjoy the sport should pay the fee before doing so.

Warden Farthing also announces that his office is paying the following bounties on predatory animals and birds: crows, 15c; hawks, 25c; wildcats, \$2.00.

TEACHERS MEET NEXT SATURDAY

Assemblage Expected at High School Building at 2:30 O'Clock. All Teachers Are Asked to Attend, Whether or Not Schools Out.

A county-wide teachers meeting is to be held next Saturday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock in the little auditorium of the brick building at Boone High School, it was announced Tuesday by Dr. Guy H. Hill.

A very constructive program has been arranged, says Dr. Hill, for both elementary and high school teachers, and it is requested that all teachers of the county attend the session, whether or not their schools have closed.

RECORDER'S COURT

The following cases were disposed of by Judge Sudderth in Recorder's Court Tuesday:

George Bingham, removing fence from property, guilty; appealed to Superior Court.

Ralph Critcher, liquor, 12 months suspended, \$50 fine and costs.

Gus Norris, liquor, 12 months suspended, fined \$50 and costs.

Stouffel Lowrance, liquor, 6 months suspended sentence.

Ralph Critcher, carrying concealed weapon, fined \$50 and cost.

Frank Robbins, violating prohibition laws, costs and 29 days in jail.

J. C. Brown, violating prohibition laws, not guilty.

DEATH REMOVES HEAD OF VALLE CRUCIS SCHOOL

Miss Isabel Graves Succumbs to Brief Illness. Was 66 Years Old and Connected with Valle Crucis Mission for Thirteen Years. Death Ends half Century Career as Teacher. A Sister of Hon. Porter Graves.

Miss S. Isabel Graves, 66 years old, principal of the Valle Crucis School at Valle Crucis, died at Duke Hospital, Durham, last Saturday after an illness of about three weeks. Miss Graves had attended the consecration of the Episcopal Bishop in Winston-Salem, and intended to have returned to Valle Crucis immediately. She decided, however, to go to Duke for a course of treatment and had been there since. Information coming to her friends here had been to the effect that she was improving splendidly, and no news to the contrary had been received until the death message came.

The body was taken to Mount Airy, N. C., for interment.

Miss Graves was the daughter of the late Judge J. Frank Graves and sister of the Honorable S. Porter Graves of Mount Airy. She was educated at St. Mary's and Peace Institute, Raleigh, and started teaching school at sixteen, conducting a private school in Mount Airy for many years and later serving as tutor in the public schools. Her death marks the end of 50 years' active educational work.

Miss Graves came to Valle Crucis in 1921 as a teacher in the Episcopal School, and at the death of Miss Horner in 1922, she became co-principal with Miss Virginia Bouldin, and in 1926 became the principal, which position she held since that time. With her passing, the Episcopal Mission has lost a valued worker and the community a loyal citizen.

Those who went to Mount Airy for the funeral service Sunday were: Misses Letitia Ricard, Virginia Saile, Jane Darwin, Adelaide Smith, teachers in the Valle Crucis School; Misses Hannah Smith, Edna Hampton, Nina Miller and Lillian Tester, seniors in the Valle Crucis School; Miss Mary Harris, a goddaughter of Miss Graves; and Mr. Cicero Dyer, janitor at the Valle Crucis School.

Those from the community were: Meadames C. D. Taylor and W. H. Wagner; Messrs. Gilbert Taylor and Richard Olsen, and Mrs. H. B. Perry from Boone.

WILKES RAILWAY PLAN REJECTED

Interstate Commerce Commission Refuses to Allow Resumption of Service on Watauga and Yadkin River Railway.

Washington, D. C.—The Interstate Commerce Commission Friday refused to authorize the Wilkes and Western Railway Company to take over and operate 26 miles of railroad from North Wilkesboro to Darby, North Carolina.

The company sought authority to acquire the line which is a part of the old Watauga and Yadkin River Railroad.

The railroad has not been used since 1918, when a flood washed out bridges and damaged a tunnel, and the commission's report says the ties have rotted away, and the track has been washed out in 38 places.

The road, when in operation, the commission said, never was able to provide interest on its bonded debt.

There is considerable timber in the territory in which the road operated, and the commission expressed the belief that there would not be enough traffic to warrant operation of the line and said that when service is needed it should be provided either by a logging railroad operated by a lumber company or by a branch of the Southern railway, which traverses nearby territory.

APPEALS IN TRESPASS CASE

Mrs. Sarah Watson of the Laxon community appealed from a decision of Edgar Hardin, Esq., last week when he dismissed Mrs. Joe Wellborn, Mrs. Millard Carlton and Sherman Carlton from charges of trespassing. The defendants were alleged to have walked through a field belonging to the plaintiff after it was said to have been posted. Esquire Hardin termed the indictment as frivolous and malicious and notice of appeal to Superior Court was filed.

TO ASSIST INCOME TAXPAYERS

M. B. Kibler, deputy commissioner, will be at the office of the Clerk of the Court in Boone on March 9th and 10th for the purpose of assisting taxpayers in filing their State income tax returns. Mr. Kibler states that unmarried persons who had an income of \$1,000 during the year of 1933, and married persons with incomes of \$2,000 should file returns prior to March 15th.

24 Hour Bride



Chicago.—Ione Drew, 26 (above) was married February 14th. That same day hubby "struck" her . . . and again the next day he repeated with a more healthy swat. She filed suit for divorce and was freed in 24 hours by Judge LaBuy. Ione claims a record.

G. O. P. CONVENTION IS CALLED TODAY

Republicans Will Assemble in Boone March 24th at 2 O'Clock for Electing County Organization and Delegates to Conventions.

The Republicans of Watauga County are called to meet in the courthouse Saturday, March 24, at 2 o'clock for the purpose of electing a county organization and naming delegates to the congressional and State conventions. The official call for the G. O. P. assemblage, signed by Chairman Russell D. Hodges, appears in The Democrat today.

The various precinct chairmen are asked to call meetings in their respective precincts Friday, March 23, at 2 p. m. for the purpose of electing delegates to the county convention.

The Congressional convention will be held in Taylorsville at 2 o'clock March 30th, at which time the sole business of the assemblage will be the naming of a candidate for Congress in the Ninth District. The State Convention will be held in Charlotte April 4th, at which time Republican candidates for Treasurer and Superior Court judges will be named.

Watauga County is entitled to 16 delegates to each convention, based on the vote cast in the last gubernatorial election. This represents an increase of two, the representation having been 14 heretofore.

Carrier Examination For Boone Rural Route

The United States Civil Service Commission has announced an examination to fill the position of rural carrier at Boone, N. C., the examination to be held at Boone. Receipts of applications will close on March 23, 1934.

The date of examination will be stated on admission cards mailed to applicants after the close of receipts of applications, and will be about 15 days after that date. The salary of a rural carrier on a standard route of 24 miles served daily except Sunday is \$1,500 per annum, with an additional \$30 per mile per annum for each mile or major fraction thereof in excess of 24 miles.

The examination will be open only to citizens who are actually domiciled in the territory of the postoffice where the vacancy exists, who have been actually domiciled there for six months preceding the closing date for receipt of applications, and who meet other requirements set forth in application form.

JOHNSON COUNTY DEPUTY WAS NOT FATALITY INJURED

Deputy Sheriff J. Lloyd Miller of Mountain City, Tenn., was not fatally injured in a gun battle Sunday a week ago, as had been previously reported. Information given out by the Johnson County News is to the effect that the officer was shot through the thigh by one David Atwood, whom he was seeking to arrest on charges of intoxication and accompanying community disturbance. The officer, who was seriously wounded, is a patient at Kings Mountain Hospital at Bristol, Tenn.

Watauga Veterans' Share Is \$185,619.60

Watauga County veterans of the World War would receive payment of \$185,619.60, if Congress should pass the bonus bill, which has been set as a special order of business before the House of Representatives for March 12, according to recent Washington dispatches. The estimated total for the State is \$38,804,178.23. In a tabulation of the estimated distribution by counties, it is shown that Caldwell veterans would receive \$842,915.84 and Wilkes County \$442,622.88.

L. M. FARTHING IS NAMED TO SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENCY

Former Sheriff of Watauga County Wins Approval of Board of Education for Post Held by Smith Hagaman for Twenty Years. Will Enter Upon Duties April 1st. Has Been Prominent in County Many Years.

Luther M. Farthing, for eight years Sheriff of Watauga County and for more than a score of years teacher in the schools of this section, won the approval of the Board of Education Monday for the position of Superintendent of Schools, to succeed Smith Hagaman, resigned. Mr. Hagaman's resignation was to take effect as of March 31st, he having been named superintendent of the Baptist Hospital at Winston-Salem.

Mr. Farthing is a son of the late L. W. Farthing of Watauga Falls, and was reared and has spent practically his entire life in this county. He received his elementary education at Cove Creek and Zionville schools and graduated in 1895 from Holly Springs College, Butler, Tenn., with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. Professor D. D. Dougherty occupied the chairs of Mathematics and Science at the institution at that time, and Mr. Farthing received two gold medals, one for debating and one for having won the highest grades while a student there.

After finishing college he made teaching his principal life's work, and did classroom work in Watauga and Ashe counties for more than twenty years.

In 1912 he was offered by the Democrats for a seat in the General Assembly and missed his goal by thirty-seven votes in a normally Republican county. He was cashier of the Valle Crucis Bank for nine years, and sheriff of the county for four terms. Except while holding the positions mentioned, he had taught practically all the time since leaving college.

ROBT. C. CAMPBELL PASSES IN LENOIR

Well Known Brick Mason and Builder of Watauga Courthouse Succumbs at Age of 69. Had Been in Bad Health for Some Time.

Robert C. Campbell, 69 years old, a native of Lenoir, died in that city Friday evening after an illness of more than two years. Funeral services were conducted Sunday afternoon by Rev. McLean, pastor of the Presbyterian Church, and interment was in Lenoir.

Mr. Campbell was a skilled brick mason and engaged himself for many years as a building contractor. He was well known by many Watauga people, having constructed the present county courthouse in 1904. Similar buildings were erected by him in Lenoir and in Avery County, where he and his family made their home for many years. Failing health compelled him to give up his trade many years ago.

LOCAL INSURANCE AGENT NOTES BUSINESS INCREASE

Frank M. Payne, general agent for the Security Life and Trust Company of Winston-Salem, placed fourth among the agents of that organization in new business written for the month of February, it was learned here Tuesday.

Mr. Payne assumed the local agency on January 15th, and has had a most satisfactory business. He declares that insurance issued by the Security Life and Trust Company during the past months was 98 per cent. greater than the business of the corresponding period of last year.

PENNSYLVANIA BONUS LAW

Mr. R. S. Swift, manager of the National Reemployment Office, states the Pennsylvania is paying its veterans of the Spanish War, Boxer Uprising, Philippine Insurrection or World War, ten dollars for each month or major fraction thereof, if service was longer than sixty days. If perchance there should be a veteran in this territory who went into service as a Pennsylvanian, he should inquire at Mr. Swift's office for further information.

LEN HAGAMAN ON HONOR ROLL AT WAKE FOREST

Wake Forest.—Watauga County's representative on the first semester honor roll at Wake Forest College is Len D. Hagaman, second year medical man, from Boone. Mr. Hagaman averaged ninety and above on all his class work.

It is a special distinction to be listed on the honor roll; it included this time only thirteen per cent of the student body of 800.

Wake Forest has just rounded out her first century and is making plans for the centennial celebration in May when the new administration building will be dedicated.