# SKETCHES

By J. C. R.

THAT "SPRINGY" FEELING

At seven bells this a, m, the old alarm clock roused a sketch man from troubled dreams . . . and as he placed his dainty doggies on the icy puncheon he debated in a befuddled mind just whether to kindle a fire or go jump in the lake or river or something! A dark brown taste welled in his mouth and his nose was out of order and he had the blues and he was nursing a grouch . . , and he didn't want to be messed with hardly. But be donned his clothes, uncovered the kindling and kerosene, lighted him-self a fire, put on the percolator, reached for the paper, glanced at Orphan Annie and the Gumps . . . just the same old routine that he'd pursued since winter began . . . and visions of unpleasant tasks to be performed rose up before him, and thoughts of bill collectors and hate-ful people and this and that haunted him. As he opened the door to take a look at the weather, a couple of robins, sitting on the limb of an apple tree, greeted him with a batch of first-class music . . . and the sun was shining brightly, and the skies were azure blue, and a pleasant breeze was stirring . , . and spring had arrived! The old boy snapped out of his grouch like magic, threw back his chest and headed for the print shop post haste, full of pep, full of ideas, full of ambition!

And he planned to write a column that'd knock your eye out . . . a column fit for the kings . . . about a couple of elderly people head-over-heels in love . . . about a local gent whose cap bad been locked up in the calaboose . . . about a cute little chorus girl in a home talent show who chewed her gum vociferously as she padded down the shoe leather . . . about the beauty of the mountains on Tuesday morning . . . about boyish girls and girlish boys! But the sun grew brighter and ambition faded . . . Spring had held of the Sketch Man! . . his thoughts were 'way out yorder at the fishing hole, his imagination dwelt on speckled beauties of hand-saw proportions . . . and he cared not a dang whether newspapers were ever published again or not! No column this week . . . well ain't that a pity ain't that a shame? Ho-num we'll be seeing you again when this drowsy, no-count feeling leaves us!

#### RANDOLPH COUNTY OFFERS CANDIDATE FOR CHAIRMAN

fight into the State convention to be strumental in the reorganization of son of Federal Judge Isaac Meekins, ers, and Mr. Greer is rapidly comheld in Charlotte on April 4th last the closed First National Bank of pas been actively campaigning. Mr. Greer is rapidly comweek when they put forward A. I. Lenoir and served as vice-president Meekins was in Boone Saturday lookof the Union National Bank for a ing after his interests and inquiry will be sublished next used. man James S. Duncan, present chair-man, and Judge Meekins of Hender-sonville have already appropriated of the Union National Bank for a ing after his interests and inquiry develops that he has drawn considerable have already appropriate the constitution at his death. man, and Judge Meekins of Hender-sonville have already announced.

strong following, it is said, through- a number of whom attended the rites out the State. His friends state that Sunday. he is not connected with any faction,

#### REV. WALKER TO CONDUCT REVIVAL AT MABEL CHURCH

tauga Charge, has announced that special revival services will begin on next Sunday at 11 o'clock at Mabel Methodist Church. The leader for the services will be Rev. W. J. S. Walker, have just returned from Winston-Satevangelistic preacher and singer of lem where they took part in the ninth constant of the constant o tauga Charge, has announced that Mocksville. The services will continue for perhaps two weeks, with services ball tournament for twenty counties moted to the position of supervisor but twice daily after Monday. All Chris- of Northwestern North Carolina of stores for the Hickory division, and a converse before the position of supervisor but the posit twice daily after Monday. All Christian friends are cordially invited to join with the Mahel Methodist congregation in the services.

#### DUGGER'S "BALSAM GROVES" TO BE REPUBLISHED SOON

Banner Elk .- The first volume from the pen of Shepherd M. Dugger, "The Balsam Groves of the Grandfather Mountain," will be reissued in a new edition next month. Mr. Dugger's latest book, 'War Trails of the Blue Ridge," was published last year. "The Balsam Groves," originally published over thirty years ago, has been out of print for many years and the author, a live of Banner Elk, has received many requests for copies of the new edition. The new edition he says, will include many features printed in the first edition but omitted from subsequent editions to the presept time.

### ANCIENT TESTAMENT

Pageland, S. C.—A copy of the New Testament bearing the date of 1545, and believed to be a copy of a trans-lation by Martin Luther, who died in 1546, is owned by A. F. Funder-

burk of Pageland. Printed in old German, the volume trying hard about this time to suppress these Bibles.

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## FUNERAL SERVICES HELD IN LENOIR FOR DR. JOHN SQUIRES

Prominent Chemical Engineer and Financier Met Death in Florida Car Wreck. World Traveler and for Many Years Head of DuPont Laboratories, Received Early Education at Valle Crucis.

Funeral services for Dr. John Squires, who met death in an automobile accident near Miami, Fla., on Wednesday of last week, were held at the First Methodist Church in Lenoir Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o' clock. Rev. Excell Rozzell, pastor, was in charge of the rites which were participated in by the Masonic Order of Lenoir. Members of a Delaware lodge, to which Dr. Squires belonged, were also present. Interment took

place in a Lenoir cemetery.

The well-known chemical engineer and financier was driving alone when his car left a Florida highway, and death occurred before aid arrived. This information was revealed in a telegram to Chief of Police John Walsh, Lenoir, from the coronor of the Florida county in which the ac cident occurred. A brother of the deceased, Mark Squires, was in a sanitarium at Black Mountain, and was

## immediately notified. Chief Chemist for DuPonts

Dr. Squires was chief chemist for the DuPont Powder Company at Wil-mington, Del., for a number of years and served in a similar capacity with General Motors for some time. He was 52 years of age.

Dr. Squires was born in Union County January 19, 1882, at Morven. State conventions, and either endorse He moved to Lenoir with his mother, Mrs. Mary Ann Stevens Squires, in tenders for the State chairmanship. Gap; William H. Norris, East B 1894 He received his early education at Davenport College and the old meet at the 2 o'clock hour and will Greene of Sugar Grove R. F. D. Valle Crucis School for Boys, this county, later attending North Carolina A. & M. College, now North Carolina A. & M. College, now North Carolina A. & M. College, now North Carolina C olina State College, at Raleigh. He ing the action of the precinct meet-received his A B, and M. A. degrees ings to be held Friday afternoon. No at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and candidate is known to oppose Russell his Ph. D. degree at Cornell. He D. Hodges for the chairmanship, and taught two years in the State Agriopinion is that he will be re-elected cultural College of New Mexico and without a dissenting vote. Then the then became connected with DuPont. delegates will be named to the Con-After the World War he did research gressional convention in Taylorsville work for the American Cyanimid Co. on March 31 and to the State conin Europe and Asia. He then became connected with General Motors.

the world, both as a student and in can, who has held the important post Asheboro.—Randolph County Re-publicans injected a three-cornered turned to Lenoir in 1931 and was in-re-election, while William Meekins, a of the Board of County Commission-

sonville have already announced.

Ferree, prominent lawyer, publisher, active Legionnaire and a political leader of recognized ability, has a spent much time of recent years,

Survivors include a brother, Mark but answers the call of a new lead-cranip that is fastly springing up in the ranks of the G. O. P. Squires and Mrs. J. W. DeLaney, all of Charlotte. He was never married.

### Cove Creek Cagers Take Pastor G. C. Graham of the Wa- Part in Tournament Play

annual Journal and Sentinel basket The Democrat of having been pro- scribed by Editor Watson as a red-

the quarter-final round before being tablishments. He assumed his new dueliminated by Dobson, State Class B ties the first of the week, the promochampions and winners of the tour- tion having come in the nature of a Copeland, and then won over Rural carries a very lucrative salary. Hall High School, 45 to 26 in the final game.

Yadkinville, 39 to 20, and losing to they had previously operated without Dobson, 35 to 23. Mast was high profit. He was reared in this com-

son ran a close second with 22. Sentinel sports writer, who selected the mythical all tournament teams awarded Earl Henson a second team post and gave Mast an honorable mention.

Those making the trip were: Jack Henson, Olen Combs, Joe Banner and Lonnie Isaacs, forewards; Fred Mast, center; David Horton, Earl Henson and Marvin Deal, guards; Stanley A. Harris Jr., scorekeeper, and W. H. Walker, coach.

#### LEES-MCRAE COLLEGE TO ISSUE ONTARAGA JUNIOR

Banner Elk.—The senior class of Lees-McRae College will publish a year book, The Ontaraga Junior, Last was brought to America by a fore- forced to suspend publication because helpful. father of the Funderburks after, in of the early closing of the college. all probability, being smuggled from The yearbook will be smaller in size Germany. The Catholic Church was than the usual annual but will con-

## For Federal Judge



Cleveland. - Judge Florence E. Allen of the Ohio Supreme Court (Above) has been bonored by President Roosevelt, having been nominated for the federal bench as judge of the U. S. Circuit Court of Ap-peals at Cincinnati, the highest federal judicial post every held by

## REPUBLICANS TO **GATHER SATURDAY**

Committee and County Chairman and Select Delegates to State and Congressional Conventions.

comes Saturday when the Republic-ans of Watauga County gather at the work. His wife, Mrs. Elizabeth Greer, courthouse for the purpose of electing a county organization, naming delegates to the Congressional and or fail to endorse for one of the con-|ga. They are Elihu Luther, Deep

vention in Charlotte on April 4th.

connected with General Motors.

He was a world traveler and had interest centers about the selection of a State chairman James S. Dunthe world both as a student with the state convention principal interest centers about the selection of a State chairman James S. Dunthe world both as a student with the world both as a student with the state convention principal interest centers about the selection of a State chairman James S. Dunthe world both as a student with the state convention principal interest centers about the selection of a State chairman James S. Dunthe world both as a state chairman with the selection of the

## LYON WINS HIGH

Boone Man Made Supervisor Hickory Division of Carolina Stores, After Four Years' Service. Promotion Comes as Reward for Service.

Mr. H. L. Lyon, for four years em-Northwestern North Carolina of stores for the Hickory division, and a copy may be had in exchange the Cove Creek team advanced to which comprises nine individual estatement. nament. Dobson went on to defeat reward for outstanding service and

Mr. Lyon has made an enviable record with the Carolina people and The Cove Creek team made 95 has been known to have placed three points in defeating Mt. Ulla, 33 to 15; stores on a solid paying basis, when scorer with 23 points, while Earl Hen- munity, is an exceptionally industrious and well-met young man, and a Gowan H. Caldwlel, Journal and wide circle of friends will congratulate him upon his advancement.

### Special Services Begin At Local Church Sunday

Special pre-Easter services are to begin at the Baptist Church Sunday closely in the footsteps of an illusmorning at 11 o'clock and will continue throughout the week at 7:30. The services will be conducted by the pastor, Rev. P. A. Hicks, and besides being in line with the Easter season, will be of a revival nature, aimed at developing a deeper spirituality among the members of the congregation in this community. A large attendance is desired at these meetings, year's annual, the Ontaraga, was which are expected to be exceedingly

Born to Mr. and Mrs. David Greene

## ANOTHER VETERAN OF CONFEDERACY DIES AT TRIPLET

Newton Greer, 93, Buried Last Thurs day, Served for Duration of War With Armies of Northern Virginia. Had Been Bedfast for Forty Years With Rheumatism. Survived by Two Sons and a Daughter.

Newton Greer of Triplett, Watanga County, a veteran of the Confed eracy, died at his home on Wednes-day, the 14th. He was 93 years of age. Funeral services were conducted by the Rev. Marshall Watson, Baptist minister, on Thursday, and the body laid to rest in a community burying ground.

Surviving are the following children: Albert and Jasper Greer and Mrs. Julia Hartley, all of Triplett.

Mr. Greer enlisted in the Confeder ate Army at the beginning of the Civil War, and served with Lee in Northern Virginia until the final bat-tle at Appomattox. For the past forty-odd years the aged veteran had been confined to his room with rheu matism, but he had borne his infirmities with the same courage which Convenion Will Name New Executive carried him safely through the carnage and misery of the War Between the States.

He was known as an excellent citizen, had been a member of the Bap-The first official reminder that an- tist Church for nearly seventy years other election year has rolled around and until illness made attendance impassed away November 25th, 1933, at the age of 83 years.

Only four survivors of the Confederate armies now reside in Watau-Gap; William H. Norris, East Boone Enoch Swift, Amantha, and Lemuel

## TAX POSITION

Former County Treasurer Succeeds J. S. McBride, Deceased, as Supervisor, Listers Being Named Work to Be Completed May 1.

E. G. Greer, well known Zionville citizen, has assumed the duties of Tax Supervisor of Watauga County, to succeed J. Smith McBride, deceaswill be published next week

Mr. Greer points out that the pres-ent law requires listing as of April 1st, and that taxpayers should complete accounting of their property by the first of May. He does not state just when listing will commence, other than that the listers will get down to business as early in April as is possible.

Mr. Greer is well known in Watauga where he served six years as treasurer, and is well qualified for his new

#### DEEP GAP NEWS CHANGES ITS NAME TO BATTLE AXE

Mr. W. A. Watson of Deep Gap,

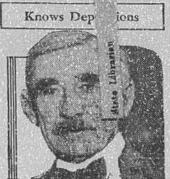
## MANY TO ATTEND **JACKSON DINNER**

Indications that Several Local Partisans Will Go to Raleigh March 31. Senator Clarke to Speak, Tickets Must Be Secured Early.

Several of the younger Democrats son Day dinner to be held in Raleigh Saturday evening, March 31, at which time Senator Champ Clark of Missouri will deliver the principal speech Senator Clarke is a young and able speaker, and is said to have followed trious father.

The meeting, which is sponsored by the Young Democratic Clubs of the State, has the approval of the regular Democratic organization and many political leaders will be present. social hour has been arranged as a dancing will culminate the entertainment.

Attendance is by ticket and Jim Rivers, chairman of the Young Democratic Club of Watauga County, insists that those making plans to at-



New York. Eberhard Faber (above), pencil king of the U. S. who celebrates his 75th birthday this month, says he has spent fiftyfive active years as an officer of his company and has gone through depressions of all kind. He says the present depression is at its end. Don't worry is his rule for longev-

## **FARTHING URGES** HOME GARDENING

Former Sheriff to Supervise Relief Planting and Named by TVA to Encourage Promotion of Seed Potato Culture in Watauga.

Ex-Sheriff L. M. Farthing has been placed in charge of a county-wide gardening program, his principal duties being those of calling on relief families and having them plant gardens, seed and fertilizers for the projects to be furnished from relief sources Mr. Farthing will further superintend the planting to a large degree, see the gardens are cultivated and that the crops are taken care of.
Simultaneously with this appoint-

ment Mr. Farthing has been designated by the Tennessee Valley Authority to encourage the planting by farmers of certified seed potatoes. This movement, which is a part of the TVA co-operative plan, has as its object the production of seed potatoes rather than tubers for table consumption. While it is a little late to get the fullest results in this connection, Mr. Farthing is to make a strong effort to have as many certified potatoes planted as possible. Seed will be purchased by him, and in turn resold to farmers through the TVA, which will have charge of selling, grading and certifying. Warehouses are to be constructed here later to store the product, and those in authority state that markets may be found for all the certified seed that the three chell can produce. The particular in-ducement to the farmer, of course, lies in the fact that seed potatoes sell at a very much higher price.

ers in the county interested in seed office. potato production get in touch with him at the earliest possible time, and consideration is being given to the holding of a farmers' meeting for the discussion of the possibilities of the supply.

## FENNER & BEANE

With Brokerage Firm After Retirient Service. To Buy and Sell Securities.

Watt H. Gragg has accepted a position as field representative with Dr. Guy H. Hill, Fenner & Beane, international stock High School, as and bond brokers, and assumed his when the annual Young People's Day new duties on the 15th, immediately is observed at Henson's Chapel Methfollowing the termination of his work odist Church next Sunday evening at as Unietd States Marshal for the Middle District.

Mr. Gragg's new duties will carry his into every county of the State, where he will contact those wishing to dispose of stocks and securities of any kind, investigate and keep tab of the financial standing of counties, cities and towns, and offer investors such securities as they might desire.

Mr. Gragg states that he will be glad to be of service to citizens wishing to know the value of stocks of Watauga County have signified bonds or securities they may own their intention of attending the Jack-Fenner & Beane is one of the largest firms of brokers in the world, main tains offices in nineteen foreign countries, and private wires connect its ple's Day, and their attention is called offices in fifty cities of the United to the program, especially the ad-States. While Mr. Gragg did not men-tion his salary, he intimated that he will be treated especially from the was quite as lucratively employed as when in the service of the Government, and friends are congratulating him upon his new connection.

## "HEAVEN BOUND"

"Heaven Bound," a play unusual in new feature of the banquet event, and High School on Saturday night, Mar. away on Wednesday afternoon of last 31st, at 7:30. This play has a cast of week. He was 77 years of age. Fuown production and conception of day and burial took place at the Winthe journey through life. Negro spir- kier cemetery east of Boone. ituals are woven into the play in an than the usual annual but will contain more than the usual amount of
day afternoon, a daughter, who has
been named Lucy Jeanette.

tend the Jackson Day dinner get in
popular play of the State. Come see long period, and was known as an
been named Lucy Jeanette.

St. Peter and others. St. Peter and others.

## WALKER IS NAMED HEAD OF SCHOOLS AT BOARD MEETING

\$1.50 PER YEAR

Howard Walker of Cove Creek High School Appointed Superintendent of Public Instruction for Watsaga County Monday. Technicality in Law Causes Farthing to Withdraw. New Official Goes in First Monday.

Luther M. Farthing, former sheriff of Watauga County, appointed super-intendent of schools the first Monday in March to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Smith Hagaman, caused the Board of Education to meet in special session Monday for the purpose of tendering his with-drawal. A technicality in the State law requiring superintendents to have so much actual school experience within the past ten years developed, and Mr. Farthing, rather than to have any question involved as to his qualifications, withdrew, in the meantime thanking the members of the board

for their consideration. Immediately thereafter the board went into executive session and Mr. Howard Walker, teacher of Agriculture in the Sove Creek High School, was named to the superintendency, his term of office to begin the first of the month according to the terms of Mr. Hagaman's resignation.

#### Well Qualified

Mr. Walker is a son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Y. Walker of Sugar Grove, and has spent his entire life in school work, both as an instructor and as a student. He is a graduate of Covc Creek High School, going from there to Berea College where he received a B. S. degree at graduation. He taught in the schools of Rockford, Ala., for one session, going from there to summer school at N. C. State College for special work. He then became instructor of vocational agri-culture at the Cove Creek High School, which position he is now holding for the third consecutive year.

Mr. Walker is recognized as an exceptionally able young man, and no doubt is entertained but that he will be able to perform the duties which go with the superintendency in thoroughly efficient manner

Charles E. Smathers, superintendent of the Rutherwood Fish Hatchery, states that he will have 1,000,000 counties of Watauga, Avery and Mit- rainbow, brown and brook trout ready for distribution to the streams of this section by May 1st. He is anxious that local people procure as many of them as possible, and states that ap-Mr. Farthing asks that all farm- pilcation blanks may be had at his

> Mr. Smathers plans extensive improvements on the hatchery during this summer, one of which will likely be a filtering plant for the water

The trout fishing season will open in Watauga on April 15th, and Game Warden Grady Farthing is of the opinion that streams will be well stocked. Licenses will be on sale at

### Former Marshal Assumes Position Dr. Guy Hill to Speak At Henson's Chapel

An address on the subject of "Practical Christianity" will be given by Dr. Guy H. Hill, principal of Boone 8 p. m. There will be a program rendered jointly by representatives of both junior and senior divisions of the organization. This will consist of silent prayer, instrumental music, the reading of two select Scripture passages by junior and senior members, prayer by the group; poem, "Along the Way"; offering, hymn "Give of Your Best to the Master," and a 15mniute dialogue, "Failure -- or Success?"; this number to be rendered by Mr. Stanley Harris Jr. and Miss Chice Michael.

All of the young people of the community are cordially invited to attend this annual celebration of Young Peostandpoint of youth of today

#### GEORGE W. MALTBA PASSES AT AN ADVANCED AGE

George W. Maltha of the Blowing Rock section, who for several years interest, will be given at Elkland had been in declining health, pa twenty-five, all negroes. It is their neral services were conducted Thurs-

Mr. Maltha was employed on the interesting manner. This is the most estate of Mrs. Moses H. Cone for a aged widow