# BOONE SKETCHES

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#### SHERIFF FARTHING

From near and far a vast concourse of sorrowing humanity gathered in Boone today to stand by reverent silence as the mortal remains of Luther Farthing were consigned to a grave amongst the hills he loved so greatly and served so unselfishly. . . . Men in patched overalls . . . women with crying tabes in arms . . . men from the higher walks of life . . . women from the Ititle cabius in mountain coves . . . men and women from the "upper crust" . . . men and women from the "under edge" . . . they were here in legion, and they came, not from curiosity but because they'd learned to love the "Little Sheriff," as he was called by most of his friends. We guess that Sheriff Farthing had faults, for they say it's a characteristic of the race, but whatever they might have been, that big heart of his, that willing spirit, that pleasant smile, that charitable disposition so far over-shadowed the trivial weaknesses that he became well nigh an example of earthly perfection.

Sheriff Farthing possessed a philosophy of living far above the av-. . he looked a fellow right square in the eye, he followed the teachings of the Golden Rule, he respected the opinions of those with whom he walked the road . . . and, he wasn't afraid of live man or dead ghost! If fortune smiled, the Sheriff smiled, too, . . . but if adversity brought heartaches and misery, why, he just kept right on smiling! He wasn't a bluffer, but he couldn't be bluffed . . . he was a man, just a man, but those three letters constitute one of the biggest words in the whole English language!

Away back in the '90s, Luther Farthing completed his education at a little college over in Tennes see, and as valedictorian of his class he delivered a most beautiful ora-tion on "The Object of Life." In rambling through The Democrat's files we stumbled acress a reproduction of that deliverance, and a portion of it is reproduced as a fitting benediction to his useful pil-

"We find that a revelation has been given to man, and it thoroughly teaches him what he is, how be became so, and the manner in which he is to be redeemed and his facul-ties developed. This Book of Books, dictated by the Spirit of God, teaches us that the wages of neglecting the highest facultles, those faculties which were created in the likeness of our Creator Himself, and of giving toose rein to our carnal appetites which ally us to the brute creation, is death to the sour of true man; and that the gift of God, if man will only receive it, is a regencration of the dead faculties of the soul by which it will live forever. It teaches us that our first object should be to seek God and righteeusness, and that in so doing we may be assured that all the temporal blessings will be added anto us day by day as we need them. It also teaches us that we should not be conformed to this world, but should be transformed, by the renewing of our minds, that we may prove and thereby know what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God. \* \* \* \* A study of nature acquaints us with and develop ment from the simplest one-celled animal to the exceedingly complex organs of the human body and faculties of the mind, but we can go no farther by the study of nature. The Bible removes the barriers to our knowledge and teaches us how man, by right use of his faculties, may enter a higher kingdom in which there will be an eternal progression toward the infinitely great, good and glorious perfection of his Creator. \*

The mind which gave those inspiring words has ceased to function.
. . . the Sheriff has gone away.
He studied the laws of his Maker, and proved an apt student . . . he

was a friend to mankind . . . and sucely there have been reserved for him an exalted seat "Upstairs."

NOTED PORTRAIT ARTIST TO STUDY AT BLOWING ROCK

who spend the winter in Charlotte, tauga County farmers may find a will come to Blowing Rock next most profitable market. Mr. Lynch month to continue his portrait studles. Mr. Aid will return to Charlotte in the early fall where he has made which might easily be procured, and about fifty very interesting pictures.

LAWN SUPPER TO BE GIVEN HENSON'S CHAEL SATURDAY

The young ladies of the Henson's Chapel Methodist Church will give a lawn supper and program of enter-tainment at the church Saturday eveto be used for religious enterprises. | meat.

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## RUNS HIGH FOR SUPERIOR JUDGESHIP | DR. DOUGHERTY



Julius A. Rousseau, of North Wilk shore, who wen the Democratic nomination for the Seventeenth District judgeship in last Saturday's primary by four hundred votes over his opponent, J. Hayden Burke, of Taylorsville, Mr. Burke has contested the result of the voting.

## HAYDEN BURKE CONSTRUCTION OF PROTESTS RESULT PRISON CAMP TO OF JUDGESHIP RACE BE STARTED SOON

Materials Being Bought for Construc

The camp is to be constructed on

State, are expected to be ready for occupancy by the first of October.

ARE TO BE FILLED

Benefit of Relief Families, Miss

German in Charge with Assist-

ants in Each Community.

Thirty-three hundred dozen glass

offices of Miss Theodosia Watson, lo-

ning and will have twenty or twentyassistants in the different com-

munities of the county. Under the plan proposed, the relief families will

be given small numbers of jars at a

The jars are to be filled from the

products of the relief gardens, fi-

nanced by the administration, and

cultivated by members of relief fam-

ilies. The entire shipment of jars is to be filled by September 1, with all

Good Gardens

during the coming winter.

the contract is carried out.

ever had before.

tion of Modern Penal Plant Near Boone, Local Carpenters and Ma-

Taylorsville Attorney to Contest Virtory of Julius A. Rousseau in Run-Off Primary, Charges Wholesale Voting of Republicans in Wilkes County, State Board of Elections Receives Formal Notice.

in the Seventeenth District was the step of the past several management of voting irregularities in dent Engineer James H Council, and Wilkes, Rousseau's home county, was a good portion of the construction interesting and trustructive historical with the State Board of Electric with the State Boa of Taylorsville, defeated candidate.

Durke charged that, contrary to a the State proparty known as the Long 4th, which is being observed by the ruling of the State's attorney general, farm one mile west of Boone, and accommon school today (Wednesday).

Republicans voted in Saturday's priceding to Mr. Council, is to be a Republicans voted in Saturday's primary in Wilkes. He further alleged that the Wilkes board of elections had refused to recanvass the votes.

School BUS BIDS struction, 60x100 feet, and is designed by the struction of the control of the control

urday's primary was approximately hall, laundry and other structures will 100, with voting extremely heavy be of frame construction, and a deep throughout the district. Rousseau also well has aiready been drilled to proled in the first primary, when sev- vide an adequate water supply. eral hundred allegedly Republican: Local carpenters and brick masons votes cast for Burke in Alexander are to be employed and the common County were thrown out by the State labor is to be done by A-grade pris-Board of Elections. Ragland, the oners. The group of buildings, which third candidate, was eliminated in the are second to none of the type in the

Based on Precedent

It is on the alleged precedent set Mr W. H. Brown, for many years by the State board in the first primaintenance foreman for the State mary that Burke Tuesday said he Highway Department, has been was basing his protest.

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In a statement addressed "To my c. J. Farthing will act in the capacturers in the 17th Judicial Distinct." Rights with the capacture of the latest the capacture of the latest and lates trict," Burke said:

my sincere thanks for your loyal sup-(Continued on Page 8) erwise be out of employment with the advent of the convicts.

### NEW CREAM ROUTE 3300 DOZEN CANS NOW IN PROSPECT

Biltmore Dairies Examining Field With View to Purchase of Cream from Farmers, Great Need for the Product Is Cited.

A cream route through Watauga County, as a feeder for the Biltmore Dairies, Asheville, may be established within a short time, according to Mr. J. M. Lynch Jr., who was in this community last week looking over the situation.

Mr. Lynch states tha' Biltmore is now supplying dairy products for Linville's summer camps, and connec- Wilkesboro, home economics instructions may be established at Blowing tor in Boone High School, has agreed Rock. It was while working up this to act as temporary home demontrade that the possibilities of pur- stration agent to supervise the canchasing quantities of cream from the farmers of Watauga County became apparent.

It is stated that Biltmore Dairies is in dire need at this time of an in-George Aid, noted portrait painter creased supply of cream and that Waproposes a more thorough investigashould his action prove favorable. route will be established

### Much Food Distributed By Local Relief Offices the sustenance of the destitute families during the coming winter.

Large quantities of food have been given out to destitute families in Watauga County during the past few

# **DELIVERS SPEECH** TO STUDENT BODY

President of State College in Address on "New School Organiza-tion." Figures On Program Given. Red Cross Official Conducts Classes in First Aid. Class Presents Patriotic Pageant Tuesday.

President B. B. Dougherty spoke before the Institute of Civic Relationships on Friday at Appaiachian State Teachers College. His subject was the New School Organization." His discussion was astonishing in its clearness and frankness as he told the story of how eleven men were appointed to work out the organization and et up a school system.

Every school district in the State said Dr. Dougherty, had bean wiped out and the total available school in me changed from \$32,000,000 to

As the address developed the following economies were revealed: \$800,000 saved in transportation; \$300,000 in fuel, and lesser saving many lines, and turning of these lyings into teacher salaries. The au dience, made up largely of school teachers, could see how every possible care had been taken for their

Dr. Dougherty stated that \$180, 000 was secured from the Federa Government for purchasing new bus es, and \$500,000 to help pay salaries in full for the past school year.

Conducting First Aid Course Dr. Otis Marshall of the American Red Cross, distinguished author and lecturer on the subject of health and life-saving, is giving instruction to a class of seventy teachers at Appala Boone. Local Carpenters and Ma-sons to Be Assisted in Building by A Grade Prisoners. Built for One of authority by the Red Cross to

> at the college Tuesday. This was in honor of the national holiday, July

# RECEIVED MONDAY

Thirteen Low Bids Approved by the Board of Education, Subject to Final Approval by State, Superin tendent to Give Instruction.

Bids were received Monday by the County Board of Education for the postoffice-transportation of students to the Mr Smi schools of the county over thirteen different routes. The low bidders were accepted but the bids are subject to the final approval of the State. Su-perintendent Howard Walker aska regression to again express to you of maintenance men, who would other thanks for your lovel sun. whose bids were accepted by the Board:

Vaughan Howell, \$74.70 per month. Neal Greene, \$90 per month.

No. 3. Around Deep Gap School. W. B. Day, \$60 per month.

No. 4. Sutherland to Cove Creek, Huge Canning Program Sponsored for 25 miles. Grady Johnson, \$68.37 per No. 5. Fairview to Miller to Elk-

land, 8 miles. Clyde S. Jackson, \$69.00 per month. No. 6. Middle Fork to Blowing

fruit jars have been received at the Rock, 1232 miles. James Underdown, \$74 per month. offices of Miss Theodosia Watson, lo-cal relief administrator, and a huge Rock, 12 miles. James Underdown,

canning program has been launched \$70 per month. n an effort to lighten the relief rolls No. 8. Matney to Valle Crucis, 12 miles. Edward Baird, \$45.50 per

Miss Annie Ruth German of North month, No. 9. Grandfather to Cove Creek, 221/2 miles. Ralph Baird, \$79.99 per

> 141/2 miles. Hubert Thomas, \$59 per month. No. 11. Peoria to Bethel, 8 miles. Geo. Smitherman, \$49.50 per month.

No. 12. Reese to Bethel, 4 miles. time, as their gardens demand, and Ira Scott, \$39.49 per month.
a check-up will be made to see that No. 13. Poplar Grove to Boone, around Bamboo, 151/2 miles. Linney Walker, \$66.99 per month.

### **Blowing Rocket Makes** Its Initial Appearance

different varieties of garden sass for The Blowing Rocket, weekly newspaper published at Blowing Rock during the tourist season, made its first appearance for the year last Saturday. Messrs. C. V. Henkel and A. T. Reports coming to Miss Watson day, Messrs, C. V. Henkel and A. T from throughout the county indicate Robertson Jr. are listed as publishers, Gwyn Harper succeeding Mr. that the gardens of the relief families ning at 8 o'clock. Refreshments will days by the local relief offices. In-be sold to the public and a small ad- cluded in the recent distribution was mission fee will be charged for the 17,000 pounds of string beans, 177 bors indicate that many of these fam- new business manager for the jourentertainment features, the proceeds bags of flour and 3,000 pounds of ilies have more food crops than they nal. The Rocket, as heretofore, comes from the presses of The Democrat.

Ex-Sheriff Succumbs



Luther M. Farthing, four-time Sheriff of Watauga County, who succumbed to a sudden illness at his home in Boone Monday afternoon.

### HARTZOG IN FULL CHARGE OF LOCAL POST OFFICE FRI.

Wiley G. Hartzog, prominent local McDade. building contractor and for a long period of years a leading school teacher building contractor and for a long period of years a leading school teacher of this section, has been commissioned as not master at Boars and Department of the contractor of as postmaster at Boone and will as- Danner, Louise Farthing, Pearl Mi-

forward Saturday and during the first part of the week he was engaged in making the necessary check-ups incidental to the transfer of records from former Fostmaster A. W. Smith, and Surviving and Ruby Passon. familiarizing himself with the duties of his new position.
Mr. Hartzog received the recom-

some time ago when he stood high among the three eligibles for the appointment, being followed in the line-up by Mrs. Carrie Williams and R. F. McDade. He has been known for many years as one of the leading Democrats of this section, and is the first in cumbent of that political faith since John E. Brown retired from the postmastership during the administra-tion of President Warren G. Harding. He is amply qualified for the po-sition and may be expected to main-tain a high order of service at the

Mr. Smith retires after having been postmaster for six and one-half years, during which time he has frequently been lauded for his painstaking servthat no arrangements be made for home near Mabel during the remain-actual transportation or other motor der of the summer, opening house in

No. 1 Todd to Boone, 191; miles, being on a Civil Service basis.

### **ELIGIBLES FOR ROUTE 2 NAMED**

Walter Greene, Clyde Winebarger and Ralph G. Greer Eligible for Appointment as R. F. D. Carrier. Winebarger Given Endorsement.

Following the Civil Service examination held several weeks ago, a list of three eligibles have been announced by the Commission, from which one will be appointed as carrier for R. F. D. Route No. 2 out from Boone.

The eligible list contains the names of Walter C. Greene, R. Clyde Wine-barger and Ralph G. Greer, listed in Prinacle Inn. No. 10. Windy Gap to Cove Creek, order named. Mr. Greene, who is a disabled veteran of the World War, FISH AGAIN KILLED received an extra ten points credit on account of his war record. Mr Greer had a five-point advantage for World War service. All three, how-ever, made fine grades, it is shown, and are all capable young men.

The Democratic Executive Committee, in session Monday, unanimously recommended the appointment of Mr. Winebarger, and it is assumed that there will be some definite action from Washington within a few days Messrs. Greene and Greer are both registered as Republicans, but the former has amassed considerable support for the position, Mr. Greer hav-

ing withdrawn in his favor.

Mr. Howard Gragg has been acting as temporary carrier for the past several months.

Farmers of Polk Counyt, who are digging trench silos this summer, have planted ribbon cane to be used

### RIEF ILLNESS **AUSES DEATH OF** LUTHER FARTHING

Former Sheriff of Watauga Passes After Sudden Attack, Fimeral Servfrom Boone Baptist Charch Had Been a Leading Fig-ure in County for Many Years. Widow and Six Children Survive.

Luther M. Farthing, who had the distinction of having held the office of Sheriff of Watauga County for more consecutive years than any other man, died at his home in Boone Monday afternoon, following an ill-uess of scarcely more than an hour, After having partaken of the midday meal, he complained of not feeling well, but expected to return to town in a short while. His condition rapidly grew worse, Dr. H. B. Perry was summened, ministered to him and thought he had recovered. Within a few hours he became ill again, and could not be revived by restoratives. A heart attack brought on by acute indigestion was given as the cause of his demise. Deceased was 66 years of age on the day of his death.

Funeral services were conducted from the Boone Baptist Church Wednesday at 10 o'clock by the pastor, Rev. P. A. Hicks, who was assisted by Rev. F. C. Watts, and interment followed in the city cemetery. Pailbearers were: J. T. C. Wright,

Well Known Contractor Receives His H. R. Eggers, W. G. Hartzog, A. D. Commission Saturday and Spends Wilson, R. L. Bingham and Frank M. First Part of Week in Making Payne, Honorary pallbearers were: Transfer of Business, Succeeds A. W. F. Miller, J. A. Williams, A. H. W. Smith, Who Has Held Position Dula, John Stanbury, James L. Winkfor Six and a Half Years.

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ler, F. S. Qualls, W. R. Lovill, I. G. Greene, Smith Hagaman and R. F.

Receives Formal Notice.

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Taylorsville, N. C.—Formal protest that J. A. Rousseau's victory in the tion of which has been pending for the Seventeenth District was the state of t

Surviving are the widow by a sec-ond marriage and six children: Victor Mr. Hartzog received the recom-mendation of Congressman Doughton Mrs. Beulan Edmisten, Sugar Grove; Albert, Ruby and Marshall Farthing, of Boone. One brother, W. D. Fai-thing of Boone, also survives

Luther M. Farthing was born in Watauga County July 2, 1868, a son of the late L. W. and Mrs. Farthing of Watauga Falls, and was reared and spent his life in this section. As a youth he received his elementary education at the public schools afford-(Continued on Page 8)

#### Weasel Makes Away With 88 Chickens

Mr. Wade L. Greene of Peoria was a visitor in town Friday and tells of the loss by a brother, Mr. A. G. great part of his time at his country home near Mabel during the remainder of the summer, opening house in Boone whenever he so desires.

Greene of 88 Leghorn enterens under a single raid of a weasel. There were 107 chickens in the nouse about the size of partridges when the visitor entered inrough a small hole at the long of the house. Three were Understanding is that there is to be no further changes in the person-being of the office, present employees being on a Civil Service basis.

In the tap of the house. Three were the top of the house. Three were being on a Civil Service basis. Boone is a second class office and eighty-five more. The pestiferous trap Mr. Greene states that a neigh-Otus Harmon, lost 20 chickens in the same manner.

### Senator Reynolds to Speak at Banner Elk

Senator Robert R. Reynolds has accepted an invitation to address the annual convention of the North Carlina Press Association at Banner Elk next week, but since the detailed program has not been released, the exact date of his appearance is not known. Several other prominent figures will be featured on the program. The editors will be in session Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, and headquarters will be maintained at

# AT RUTHERWOOD

The thirteen remaining stock trout at the Rutherwood Fish Hatchery, together with about one hun-dred smaller ones, perished Thursday night when for the second time within a four-day period the water was diverted from the breeding pools. On the preceding Sunday, than eight hundred trout more were killed in a similar nocturnal

So far the diligence of police officers and game wardens has falled to bear fruit in the form of any definite clues as to who the trespassers are, but every effort is being made to ascertain their iden-Meantime, Mr. Smathers is going forward with his work and attion despite the tremendous handi-

caps.