

BOONE SKETCHES

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THE KILLER GOES DOWN

Johnny Dillinger, Indiana farm lad who with his lousy tribe of hoodlums wrote many bloody pages in the history of crime, busted into big headlines again Monday morning . . . but the printers ink told a different story this time . . . it recorded the "swan song" of the long-sought desperado . . . it pictured his ignoble death in a hall of "gunmint" lead on Chicago's North Side, which had harbored him most of the time for many weeks. Wise guy, this Johnny . . . big shot of gangland . . . bank-robber extraordinary . . . merciless killer of innocent men . . . high-priest of lawlessness . . . society's No. 1 enemy with \$15,000 on his head! But the law which he exploited showed its fangs Sunday night as the jaunty bandit emerged from a small movie show, nattily clad, a woman on each arm, an automatic and seven dollars of the tens of thousands he had pilfered during his reckless career in a pants pocket . . . a dozen or so Department of Justice agents surrounded him . . . he reached for the implement of his profession . . . they "rubbed" him out, these officers, in a filthy alley of the upper-underworld!

Dillinger had it coming, not a particle of doubt about that . . . and it affords a great deal of pleasure to chronicle his passing. A few of those who are prone to the worship of the criminal ilk . . . the Turpins, the Kidds, the Jameses, the Daltons, the Diamonds and Capones . . . have started their moaning . . . the law didn't give Johnny a break . . . "the officers shouldn't have shot him down like a dog" . . . "he was a pretty good sort of a fellow" . . . and all that grade of unabridged bosh! But during his mad rampage against society, this Dillinger kid's authority had been the rat-tat-tat of the machine gun, the crack of the automatic . . . as he and the rats who followed his hoary standard dealt death to a dozen or more law-abiding, useful citizens! A pool of blood in the unholy darkness of a grimy alley wrote a fitting finale to his infamous life!

But we'll venture a guess that "the woman in the red dress," alleged to have placed the "finger" on Johnny, has been roundly cussed by a million good men and women this very day . . . that a million hero-worshipping boys have "wished" it were one of the officers who had fallen in Chicago . . . that a thousand letters of sympathy have been written to old John Senior back in Indiana! But if one of those Federal agents had bitten the dust instead of Johnny . . . if a squadron of blue-coated cops had been riddled with gangster bullets; there wouldn't have been a word said about the incident! And that spirit prevalent among our people has caused America to rank high among the nations of the world in crime and general hellishness!

WE GOT OUR PART!

But don't let 'em tell you that Chicago stole the whole show Sunday night . . . that the Dillinger episode furnished amusement for the entire nation . . . Boone came in for its share of excitement! Residents along East Main Street sat on their porches grabbing a breath of fresh air . . . some smoking, others reading. A Grayhound bus, piloted by one of Colonel Woodie's expert jockeys, came westward, en route to Bristol . . . a sedan of doubtful vintage approached from the west . . . bang! bang! . . . there was a mighty collision! Residents close by observed a "skeletal" apparition soar through the atmosphere in the general direction of terra firma! No, it wasn't a comet . . . it was merely the poor old Sketch Man, barefooted, clad in the scanty habiliments of a bathing beauty . . . both extremities of his angular carcass battered, banged, bruised! Professor Hill declares it was the funniest sort of a thing. Billy Cook swears that the picture should be reproduced in Barker's Family Almanac . . . ah, sympathy, between what words in a Funk and Wagnall's can I find thee?

But consolation came when a few of the boy friends called at the shop to find out when the funeral would take place . . . others intended to visit the old man in a Charlotte hospital . . . still others inquired from just what sort of a flagon the serpent had crawled? But the Sketch Man, perhaps a bit the worse for wear, was hammering away at his usual chores . . . more alive than dead, more anxious to live than usual! A report, which has gained considerable credence locally, has it that he who pens this very paragraph emerged from the Sunday night wreck, with blood streaming from his ears, a case of Scotch under his left arm, a machine gun in his right hand, and a couple of "pineapples" in each hip pocket . . . but, alas and alack—he had no pockets! A little short gal who lives up our way has created a bit of verse, which we pass along:

"Too much beuse,
And not enough sheuse,
Almost cause the Sketch Man to
lose his teuse."

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"Working Gail" Queen



CHICAGO.—Miss Patricia Marquam, 21, (above) is one of the hundreds of "working gails" at the Century of Progress here. She has been selected "1934 Queen" from the hundreds employed in various capacities at the fair.

BOONE SWELTERS IN HOTTEST DAY

Mercury Climbs to Six-Year High on Monday, According to Weather Man. More than 700 Deaths Are Reported in Drouth Area.

Old Sol ruled high and mighty in the heavens Monday and his scorching rays broke the six-year records at the college weather station, where Professor J. T. C. Wright has diligently recorded the whims of the elements year in and year out. Professor Wright says that the 92 degrees recorded laid all his former figures in the shade, and Wataugas, unused to torrid seasons, sweltered under the blazing sun.

At the same time blistering heat held sway throughout the nation, and the death toll from the current seige reached the 700 mark, with little or no general relief promised by the weather bureaus.

To Solicit Funds for Community Building

Messrs. N. L. Harrison and Leonard Wilson are in charge of a campaign being conducted among the people of the county for funds with which to construct a community building in the American Legion Park, and co-workers have been named in each township to assist in the work. A meeting of the members of the committee, with the general public, has been called for Saturday afternoon at 2:30, at which time ways and means of establishing the community and county-wide center will be mapped out. A representative attendance is very much desired. Following is a list of the committee members:

N. L. Harrison and Willie Cook, Mt. Vernon Church; Jim Burkett, Union Church and Mabel Kemp Wilson, Zionville; Wiley Greene, Beaver Dam; Stewart Hayes, Mt. Lebanon; Gordon Hodges, Brushy Fork; E. B. Hardin, Laurel Springs; Don Oliver and John Smith, Matney; Henry Hagaman, Mt. Zion; Blaine Coffey and E. H. Holfield, Boone's Fork; Mr. Greene, Stony Fork.

Associational Meeting of B. Y. P. U. Next Sunday

The Three Forks B. Y. P. U. annual associational meeting will be held at the Cove Creek Baptist Church on July 29th, at 2:00 p. m. The churches throughout the association are urged to send large delegations of young people to this meeting, those in charge "hoping that this will be a gathering of great spiritual power and the beginning of a new day for the work of our young people who are to be our leaders of tomorrow." Following is the program for the afternoon:

Devotional service by Mrs. Clyde Wineberger; 2:10, appointment of committee; 2:15, special music, Alton Young; 2:20, playlet by Cove Creek B. Y. P. U.; 2:30, "The Challenge to the Young People of Today," Ethelene Cain; 2:45, "The Challenge for B. Y. P. U. Work in the Three Forks Association," Dean Swift; 3:00, special music, quartet; 3:05, address by State B. Y. P. U. worker; 3:25, reports from churches; 3:30, reports from committees; 3:35, playlet by Boone B. Y. P. U.; 3:55, installation of new officers; 4:00, adjournment.

Pigs Are Distributed To Relief Families

About two hundred pigs shipped in from the State of Kentucky have been supplied families drawing their subsistence from the relief roll of the E. R. A., according to Miss Theodosia Watson, local administrator. These pigs are supplied the families at a given cost, and paid for by them in labor later on, as in the case of fertilizers, etc., supplied in the gardening program. Miss Watson states that so far as she knows there will be no further shipments of swine into the county.

PARKWAY ROUTE IS AUTHORIZED TO NEARBY RESORT

Course from Blowing Rock to Smokies in Dispute. To Start Work on Scenic Road at Once. Exact Location in Ashe and Alleghany Counties Not Yet Determined. Secretary Issues Statement.

Washington, D. C.—Secretary of Interior Harold Ickes Thursday announced two portions of the route for the scenic parkway which has been authorized for construction from public works funds and which will connect the Shenandoah and Great Smoky national parks.

The sections authorized are from the southern boundary of the Shenandoah Park to the James River and from Adney Gap, just below Roanoke, to Blowing Rock, N. C. Secretary Ickes stated at his press conference on Thursday that after he returns from his vacation in the West next month he will make a personal inspection tour of proposed routes leading from Blowing Rock to the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. He further stated that proponents of the suggested route will be given an opportunity to express their views at hearings he himself will conduct.

Route of Parkway

Upon completion of the two sections authorized Thursday they can be utilized in advance of construction of the entire parkway by short connections with existing roads. Secretary Ickes pointed out. The parkway after leaving the Shenandoah Park will follow the main ridge formation to the James River. The next authorized sections begins at Adney Gap and goes by Pinnacles of Dan and close to Fancy Gap, Va., entering North Carolina about ten or eleven miles northwest of Mount Airy. The route then passes Laurel Springs, Glendale Springs and on to Blowing Rock. The route is almost a straight line from Adney Gap to Blowing Rock, following, of course, the contours of the mountains.

The PWA has allocated \$16,000, 000 for the parkway, six million of which is now available for expenditure.

A. E. Demaray, acting director of the National Park Service, stated that work on making the detailed survey for location of the parkway along the course outlined by Secretary Ickes will get under way immediately. He is confident that men will be at work on the job within a few weeks.

Must Get Rights-of-Way

Demaray said the states had to obtain rights-of-way for a great portion of the parkway, but he did not anticipate any extended delay in this regard. He said the secretary was insisting on a 1,000-foot right-of-way wherever possible. Much of the parkway will go through government property and securing the right-of-way is merely a matter of detail which can be completed within a few days.

RELIEF OFFICERS TO MEET HERE

Four Counties to Be Represented at Boone Meeting Tomorrow. Plans to Be Formulated for Fall and Winter Farm Program.

NCERA farm and garden supervisors, case workers and vocational agriculture teachers will meet in Boone July 27th to formulate plans for a fall and winter farming program under the Rural Rehabilitation division of the NCERA. The meeting was called by George Ross, State Director of Rural Rehabilitation, and Roy H. Thomas, State Supervisor of Agricultural Education.

Counties to be represented at the Boone meeting are Alleghany, Ashe, Wilkes and Watauga.

Aims of the program which is to be launched in the district embraced by the above-named counties, and in all sections of North Carolina are to increase the vocational ability of the farm families now on relief by teaching them better methods of planning and producing food for an all-year-round supply and better methods of curing, storing and preserving foods.

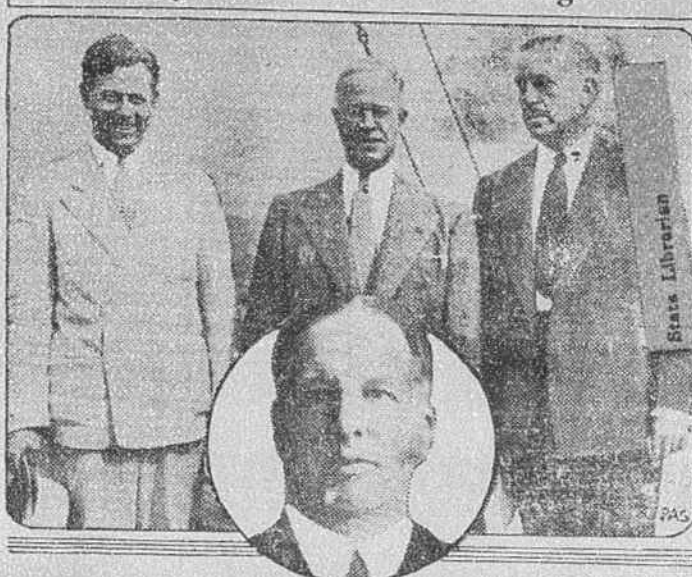
The program also is aimed towards giving instruction on rural problems and assisting in planning local rural rehabilitation programs by planning rotations, farm layouts, terracing, pastures and other land improvements and instructions in new and improved practices for both agriculture and local industry.

The vocational agriculture teachers, farm and garden supervisors, and case workers in each county will direct the work of the program and its supervision.

REVIVAL MEETING AND BIBLE SCHOOL AT WILLOWDALE

A revival meeting and Bible school will be conducted at Willowdale Baptist Church, beginning Monday, August 6th. School sessions will be from 10 to 11 o'clock a. m., with preaching at night by Pastor W. R. Davis.

Fraternity Holds Annual Election on High Seas



BERMUDA.—The Alpha Delta Phi, one of the oldest American College fraternities, celebrated its 102nd year by holding the annual convention and election of officers on the high seas en route here aboard the Queen of Bermuda of the Furness Lines. Photos show (insert), Dr. Frederick Sall of the Kent School, Kent, Conn., elected Alpha Delta Phi president for 1934. (Above), W. L. Mousen, secretary of the Executive Council, Eugene C. Worden, chairman Executive Council, and Irwin H. Cornell, committee chairman of the Columbia University Chapter, sponsors of the voyage.

22 SCHOOLS ARE BEGUN LOCALLY

Thirty-seven Teachers Now in Watauga Class Rooms, Says Superintendent Walker. Other Schools Slated to Begin September 3rd.

Thirty-seven teachers, comprising the combined faculties of 22 county schools, entered upon their duties last Monday morning, states County Superintendent Howard Walker, who announces at the same time the opening of the other schools of the county on September 3rd.

Those schools which have begun their regular terms, together with the names of the tutors, appear below:

Oak Grove: Cleve Gross and Annie Sims Walker.
Howard's Creek: C. G. Hodges and Stella Taylor.
Buckwood: Mack Cowles and Pearl Cowles.
Liberty Hill: Lola Mae Rowe and Wilametta Rowe.
Brushy Fork: Tom J. Moody and Gladys Mast Bingham.
Aho: Clyde Henson and Lucy Henson.
Winchberger: Olin G. Winchberger and Gladys Wineberger.
Bamboo: Mrs. Edith F. Estes and Grace Edmiston.
Stony Fork: James D. Horton and Mrs. James D. Horton.
Mt. Paron: Jephtha Bingham.
Kellerville: Stanley Harman and Alice Mast.
Windy Gap: Cecil Glenn.
Presnell: Susie Banner.
Valley Mountain: Ernie Triplett and Lavola Carrender.
Dutch Creek: Clint Baird.
Foscoe: Sam G. Austin and Mary Austin.
Grandfather: George Harman and Bessie Lee Fox.
Forest Grove: Ray Walker and Nettie V. Wilson.
Reese: Ford Henson and Mabel Henson.
Riverview: Fred Greer.
Castle: D. L. Bingham.
Cool Springs (Blowing Rock): Dewey Mitchell.

Fiddlers Convention Slated for Next Week

The Fiddlers Convention, which is annually sponsored by Watauga Post American Legion, will be in the courthouse in Boone Friday and Saturday evenings, August 3-4, according to announcement made today by Legion officials, who state that indications point to a larger gathering than usual.

Cash prizes are being offered in more than a dozen different competitions, and as heretofore, much interest centers in the old-time buck and wing and Charleston dancing contests. Fiddlers, banjoists and guitar players will vie with one another for first honors, the tunes of the mountain pioneers will feature the program, and abundant entertainment is promised for all.

On the opening night children will be admitted free with their parents.

New Hardware Store Organized in Boone

The Watauga Hardware Company is the style of a new firm being established in Boone by Messrs. Brantley Duncan and George Greene. The building formerly used by the Boone Clothing Store is being thoroughly remodeled for the purpose and a modern establishment is expected to be opened about the tenth of the month. Detailed announcement concerning the new store is to appear in the next edition of The Democrat.

PROSPECTS GOOD FOR CREATION OF FARMING COLONY

Quiet Investigation of Possibilities in Watauga of Enormous Rehabilitation Project Leaves Favorable Impression Among Those in Authority. Prof. Newman, in Charge of ERA Gardening, Visits Boone.

Apparent lack of interest on the part of the local citizenry appears to be the stumbling block in the way of the establishment of one of the Government farm colonies in Watauga County, according to the belief of Professor C. L. Newman, administrator of gardening projects under the ERA, who was a visitor in Boone on Tuesday.

With Prof. Newman's visit it was revealed that for a long time a quiet investigation of the possibilities of farm colonization has been going on in this section, and that "the soil, climatic and environmental features are ideal." He stated, however, that there must be evidence of good faith on the part of local people, and an united interest in the project before it can expect approval from the authorities.

The plan for this Watauga County home-farm development is simple, said Professor Newman. "It is free from the many technicalities and ambiguities that too often burden colonization projects of co-operative character. Educational, social and business problems that harass the individual farmer will be solved by group service as will production, processing and distribution problems. Production's first consideration will be to supply home needs; second, to produce a surplus for wholesale marketing.

"The soil, climatic and every environmental feature are ideal and for commercial disposal every product will be of known adaption and produced, or available for marketing at a time when each is in highest demand.

"The peculiar or different feature will be the non-competitive character of the products placed on the markets by the corporation. Some of the featured products are seeds, bulbs, native nursery produced plants and livestock and poultry breeding. Briefly stated, these are some of the main features of the development, the consummation of all depending upon the desire of the people living in this section of North Carolina and of all interested.

"If the people want it, they can get it, when their desires for the greatest undertaking that has come to this part of the State is made to the proper authorities," Professor Newman said in conclusion.

A Local Corporation

It is indicated that the plan for the farm colony would comprise several thousand acres purchased with governmental funds through the agencies of a local corporation, the money to be secured by realty mortgages. This area would be expected to rehabilitate about two hundred families, the most of that number being taken from the Federal relief rolls. The products, many of them, from the gigantic enterprise, would be placed in a large cold-storage plant provided and market in a mass, when conditions became favorable. Thoroughly modern individual farm enterprises would constitute the colony, and each inhabitant, while providing himself with sustenance would be, at the same time, given a broad opportunity to eventually own his own farm unit. Little doubt remains as to the fruition of the enterprise, unless it is foiled by the indifference of the local residents.

First Berries Taken To the TVA Cannery

The first load of blackberries to be taken from Watauga County to the TVA cannery at Cranberry went from W. W. Mast's store, Valle Crucis, on Tuesday morning, where they were assembled from the outlying communities at 15 cents per gallon. Another truck will leave Thursday, it is stated from Mr. Mast's, and future dates may be secured by calling at the relief office in Boone.

The crop of berries is said to be heavy in the mountains, and now that a certain cash market has been provided, it is expected that pickers will be busy in every section while the crop is on.

HAY WILL BE NEEDED FOR HERD OF RELIEF CATTLE

Miss Theodosia Watson, relief administrator for Watauga County, announces that a large number of cattle will be shipped here in the near future for relief purposes, and will be grazed for approximately sixty days following their arrival.

The N. C. Emergency Relief Administration will require a large quantity of hay to feed the cattle. All farmers or others interested in supplying this hay will please write to the local relief office, stating how much hay they can supply, the grade or grades of hay and the price of same. This information must be turned in as soon as possible.

WARREN TO SPEAK HERE THURSDAY

Democratic Candidate for State Senate Will Deliver Anti-Sales Tax Address. Courtney and Paul Leonard Also on Program.

Hon. Dalton Warren of Alleghany County, Democratic Senatorial nominee from the 29th District will speak at the courthouse Thursday evening at 8 o'clock in opposition to the 3 per cent. sales tax.

The Watauga Unit of the Fair Tax Association is sponsoring the mass meeting and feels fortunate in having been able to secure Mr. Warren for a place on the program. A native of Mississippi, Mr. Warren taught in the schools of Alleghany for many years, later went into the mercantile business and received the senatorial nomination in the June primary on an anti-sales tax platform. He is said to have won the preference without the support of the politicians, and is known as a forceful and logical speaker. Since Watauga County is in his district, considerable interest attaches to his first appearance here.

Mr. H. W. Courtney, prominent business man of Lenoir, will also appear on the program, and J. Paul Leonard of Statesville, secretary of the State organization asking for sales tax repeal, will be present and likely speak briefly.

The local association is especially anxious that there be a large attendance, and promise that the issues facing the electorate as regards taxation, will be discussed in able and straightforward fashion.

PRIMARY HEARING AGAIN DEFERRED

State Election Board to Examine Charges of Corruption in Seventeenth District Judicial Fight on the First of August.

North Wilkesboro, N. C.—Hearing on charges of irregularities in the run-off judgeship primary in the 17th Judicial District on June 30th has been postponed from Wednesday of this week to Wednesday, August 1st.

Information received here by J. A. Rousseau and others interested was to the effect that the postponement of the hearing by the State Board of Elections was made at the request of J. H. Burke, who filed protest of the vote in Wilkes.

Returns certified by the election boards in the six counties in the district gave the local candidate a majority of 447.

Burke protested the vote in Wilkes County, alleging that 1,500 Republicans cast ballots in the run-off primary and also alleged that coercion was used by Rousseau's supporters.

The protest was carried to the State Board of Elections when that body met to canvass the vote of the district and declare a nominee, at which time evidence in the form of affidavits was presented to the board alleging the irregularities.

In order to get more first hand knowledge of the way in which the second primary was carried out, the State board set a date for holding a hearing in Wilkesboro.

Attorney for Mr. Rousseau has alleged that many Republicans voted for Mr. Burke in his home County, Alexander.

The candidates carried their respective home counties by overwhelming majorities and the interest in the present investigation has reached a high point.