# BOONE SKETCHES

By J. C. R.

#### ALMOST TRAPPED

Little Joe Spicer, ninety-five-pound convict at Cap'n Brown's camp west . . a printer, as it were, with whom we labored several years ago . . . tired of his shackles in the early evening hours of last Thursday, swiped the shirt of a fellow culprit, put a right neat shine on the toes of his boots, and "jined the bird gang" ... "scrammed," as they sometimes call it. During weeks gone by it had been the custom of this scribe to offer his heartfelt sympathy to Joe , presents of cigarettes he had proffered and soda pop on one occasion when he had been permitted, under the guardianship of a hawkeyed brison boss, to spend a few minutes in the city . . . for Joe was A-grade . . . a meek-eyed, smiling trusiy, a favorite of the Cap'n cible of Gutenburg s. c. l.

Shortly after Joe had made his exit

from behind the checkered windows of the camp he appeared at the main entrance to the Sketch Man's hovel, his eyes sparkling with teardrops, his countenance sorrowful and we asked him in . . . demanded to know the origin of his misery attuned our ears to his tale of woe!
And Jee's story derned near broke
our tender heart . . he told of a baby
that lay near death in an adjoining province . . of a desire to press the little fellow to his bosom before the Grim Reaper swung His sickle . told of his financial condition, which was nothing-minus . . and he wished for us to take him in our automo-bile (the same of which we haven't any hardly) to Ashe County's capital. And little Joe — not much bigger than a pair of deuces . bragged a sight on Cap'n Brown for granting him a "five-day furlough"

that splintery father on the chain-gang a faithful, forgiving mother awaiting the retion of an errant spouse jeeminy Chrismas' it dug right down into the old boy's vitals! If he'd only had an automo-bile, with money for gasoline ... why more'n likely little Joe would have landed in Cincinnati before the break of day. Yes, we are that story of his blood-raw his blood-raw . . . for the Spicer lad is a bit of an actor.

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we even considered walking a part of the way to ease the misery that it. -r the co-operative program; and it the Joe carried on his scrawny should be explained that they should be cut the Joe carried on his scrawny should be explained that they should be the controlled the controlled that they should be the controlled the controlled that they should be the controlled that they should be the controlled that they should be controlled to the controlled that they sh

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Came the morning . and Cap'n Brown . poppin off at the gills . made his appearance at The Democrat office. The very first thing he wanted to know was "Have you seen Spicer? . the little devil run away last night, and I'll catch him if it takes till the Jedgment day." nours over in Alleghany County and he's again donned the stripes of a C-grade prisoner at the Spruce Pine camp where they lock 'em up in bird cages after the day's work is through, and feed 'em on limited, very limited, rations!

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Joe's baby wasn't sick . . in fact. Joe hasn't had much to do with his  $3\frac{1}{4}$  cents for No. 2 cans and  $9\frac{1}{2}$  cents family for quite some time . . . and for the gallon time. is alleged to be carrying on with an allen mama! At the time of his capture he bere in a breeches pocket an unmailed letter to his "ever-loving wife" a letter conveying wonder-ful promise — a promise that he'd shoot hell outen the whole bunch the first time he got a right good chance!

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We're mighty sorry that Joe has wide. And we hope, secondly, that Joe's footsteps will be guided to other habitations than ours the next time he decides to make one of his dramatic appeals for aid.

And speaking of the drama makes us think of that good-looking State's witness who appeared in the Gross trial Tuesday . . . a right good actor, if you ask us . and how he reconstructed for the benefit of six good men and true the "massacre" complaining salesman. Jim Corbett, the fastest of the fast ones, never pushed leather with the speed of the local "trouper" . . and we were wont to wonder how the plaintiff ever survived the barrage of blows . . . ever lived to whimper, much less com-

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Speaks at College



Hon. A. J. Maxwell, Commissioner of Revenue, who spoke at the College Auditorium on Monday evening in support of the proposed new Constitution for the State of North Carolina.

### TVA CANNERY HAS RUN FOR 3 WEEKS; PRICES ARE RISING

Various Kinds of Berries and Garden Sass Being Bought at Cranberry for Cash. Blackberry Prices Are on Upgrade, and Huckleberries Bring 30 Cents. Turnip Greens Are Now Growing Under New Program.

Cash was low in the Sketch Man's treasure chest—in fact a pack of Camels would have demolished his lifetime savings—but that "dying treasure cannery at Cranberry, operated unter the Carolina Mountain Co-operatives, is now running full blast three weeks after its establishment, and weeks after its establishment, and Arthur is to the effect that prices that the parkway arrive after leaving paid are advancing, especially as regards blackbernes, which have been bought in huge quantities from after Revnolds, had not after Senting Countries and Mrs. W. W. been bought in huge quantities from pickers in Watauga County.

Stringless green nod boans are bringing as much as 2½ cents; turnip greens (Japanese), 1c; blackber-ries, gallon, 23c; huckleberries, 30c; day! Yes, we ate that story of beets, %c. carrets, %c. sweet corn, a bit of an actor.

To Postpone Trip

Senator Reynolds said tonight.

We tried our best to hire a jitney, posted at the cannery.

All prices of tonatoes will be productive and the production of the proposed hearing which is expected to attract the enterprise of pay on a certain.

Turnip greens are now growing un-ir the co-operative program; and it ders and far into the night sleep from one and a half to two inches above the ground, so that the tender remorse over our inability to help like in his efforts to visit a "dying" ing taken that all grass and weeks youngun over in Ashe!

The inable of the minicipate of the proposed east Tennesse entrance than we are doing in North Carolina. I have just returned from a trip over the entire ges were dismissed.

Thus came to an end the trial of the minicipate of are removed before greens are cut. Burlap bags must not be used, and greens delivered in this manner will be rejected.

Bhackberries Up
The Co-operative has recently raised the price of blackberries to 23 cents, with the understanding that the picker will not receive less than 17 cents per gallon, the difference being to take care of the calling and delivery system inaugurated.

Mountains National Park enter this way!

"At every service station we are hinded a folder in which you are invited to visit the park by Gatlinburg. I am anxious that the parkway go by Asheville, and I feel that when the time comes we can convince Sections Used Torontonian Park enter this way!"

products may be brought there and canned for a small charge. The cost of the canning including the can is

No products will be accepted at the cannery without permits from the

# At Local Hardware

Mr. Guy E. Bissette, factory representative for the Great Majestic Ranges, is at the Farmers Hardware strayed from the paths of righteousness. for we always thought a lot of the lad. and we hope he'll do onstrations of the improved range are doors of freedom are again thrown larity of the Majestic is revealed in the popular of the Ranges, is at the Farmers Hardware of the establishment, which will specialize particularly in shelf hardware. Mr. Greene has for a number of years been empoyed as sales man for the Reynolds Tobacco Communication. the fact that more than fifteen ranges were disposed of in a similar period last year.

Housewives of the community and county are welcoming the opportunity of having the improved range explained in detail to them by a factory man and indications are that sales will be heavy during the week. It is understood that special terms are to be offered during the demon stration period.

#### SPECIAL SERVICES AT M. E.

#### FINAL ROUTING OF PARKWAY IS EXPECTED SOON

Secretary Ickes will Visit this Section of Country With View to Location from Blowing Rock Into Park, Will Hold Conference. Senator Reynolds Confers With Secretary, Is Optimistic Over Outcome.

Washington, Secretary Ickes of the Interior Department Tuesday mapped the somewhat zigzagged occurse which he will follow in reaching a final decision on whether the Shenandoah National Parkway shall take a westerly course after reach-ing Blowing Rock, N. C. into Ten-nessee or continue on through North Carolina and artists. Carolina and enter the Smoky Mountain National Park via Asheville and

That the secretary, as administraor of the PWA which has set aside eighteen million dollars for the ect, is strictly on top of the Smokies and in a neutral position in the mat-ter was very evident, when he said that he was being bombarded by senators from both east and west.

To Hold Hearing

In order to hear all claims, Scereary lekes said that he would con-met a hearing in Washington or at some place in the park area within the next three weeks, in order that North Carolina and Tennessee peocould present their respective

After hearing statements presentcd, and studying them, course or construction for the course of construction of the course of construction of construction of the course of construction of co The Tennessee Valley Authority's gress and State officials after leav-innery at Cranberry, operated unthen go to Tennessee and study the route proposed from Gatlinburg, Sevier County, to Greenville, at which put up sufficient evidence to hold any point the Tennessee folk are asking of the five defendants on the charge.

ator Reynolds had yesterday after-noon pleaded the cause of the North Carolina route south from Linville Gorge, Senators Bachman and Mc-Kellar of Tennessee arrived and insisted that the Blowing Rock to Gat-

tire Tar Heel congressional delega t.on, that he would now have to postpone his proposed trip to Mexico in order to be present.
"I fear that our neighbers in Ten-

nessee are building up more back-ground for the proposed east Ten-Smoky Mountain Park by auto. All over East Tennessee you see signs Knowville, gateway to the Smoky Mountains National Park enter this

# Will Open Saturday

The Watauga Hardware Store will open its doors for business Saturday morning, according to an announce ment made in The Democrat today. The building, formerly occupied by the Boone Clothing Store, has been Majestic Demonstration theroughly remodeled with especial Monday.

At I and I will be peculiar needs Mr. Doughton had just concluded consideration of the peculiar needs Greene and Brantley Duncan will be larity of the Majestic is revealed in pany, while Mr. Duncan resigned his position as assistant cashier of the Bank of Blowing Rock to go into standing the new enterprise. Both are known as fine business man and their past experience qualifies them for success in the retail business.

#### Sanitary Privies Art Again Being Provided

The sanitary privy project on CHURCH NEXT SUNDAY ed and the local relief office asks are now practically complete. Henry it was decided to secure Harold C. Presiding Elder A. C. Giggs will to immediately flie their application at the Boone Methodist Church next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock, according to announcement of the program of the details of construction may proceed. It is explained that there is no work.

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Judging the Winners at the Horse Show



Firefly MacDonald, owned by Horace Johnston of Charloffe, is shown at the right winning the five-gaited class at the Blowing Rock Horse Show.

## WILKES MURDER IS LINNEY GETS G. O. P. STILL A MYSTERY POST; IS NOMINEE

Five Members of Tilley Family Are Freed in Death of Foster Rela-tive. Sensational Trial Ends

Lenoir Lawyer Heads Caldwell Re-publican Organization and Is Nom-inated to Oppose His Law Part-With Murder Unsolved.

The murder of Leoda Childress in Wilkes county remained as much a mystery Saturday afternoon after a Superior Court hearing as it did when

Tilley, Clyde Tilley and Mrs. Luther Tilley, while Luther Tilley was acquitted of that charge but was held jail pending trial in the murder of

Andrew Eldridge seven years ago.
The state rested its case at 4:40 clock Sautrday afternoon, and Hayden Burke of defense counsel began argument on a motion for nonsuit, first on the count of conspirary and then on the charge of murder. Before he had finished Judge Oglesby interrupted to allow both motions.

Solicitor John R. Jones, vigorous prosecutor of the seventeenth judi-cial district, whose zealous investigaion of circumstances surrounding the mysterious death led to the indict-inent of the Tilleys, made a brief oral argument citing major points in the State's evidence before the char-

the most sensational murder case in northwestern North Carolina's history and the action of the court leaves the death of Miss Childress, foster child and sister of the five defendants as much a mystery as it was eight

Ninth District veteran, and chairman of North Carolina in a surprise move at the convention of the North Carofina Federation of Labor in Asheville term of 12 months on a charge of ad-

of the hardware business and goods are arriving daily. Messrs. George and demanding improved methods of and demanding improved methods of taxation, when R. R. Lawrence, Fed-

"I feel highly complimented," Mr.

years in Congress I'm not going to

#### Watauga County Auto Club Being Organized

county-wide scale has been reinstat- to Club, organization plans for which

publican Organization and Is Nom-inated to Oppose His Law Partner for County Solicitorship.

Mr. Buxter M. Linney, son of the

I shall attempt to run the Repub-tican party not as a party of Lenoir and its three townships, but as a parabide by their wishes. We have the greatest opportunity in Caldwell for Republican victory than at any time since 1928. I have heard criti-cisms of the nominees of the Demo-

# Escaped Convict Is

LABOR ENDORSES

ROBT, L. DOUGHTON

Joe Spicer one of the prisoners stationed at the State camp near Europe walked away Thursday night Gubernatorial Boost by Federation.

Doughton Says He's Not Thinking of Swapping Jobs Now.

Escaped Convict Is

Quickly Recaptured

He had entered the town hall Massers Wade E. Brown, W. R. Lovelli and T. E. Highbarn conducted the case of Mr. Gross and the town. Something of the temper of the crowd is indicated in the tunusual occurrence of an enthasiastic clapping of the local camp personnel, and Captain Rackley of Ashe County of the court didn't seem to mind.

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# Local Legion Auxiliary

ton for the next Governor of North at the home of Mrs. Nile G. Cook on or of the occasion, and attended by Carolina, stand up."

A transportune continue followed A tremendous ovation followed, ficers were elected for the ensuing friends. Owing however, to the down-practically everybody in the room year President, Mrs. C. W. Teal, first pour of rain and sickness in some vice-president, Mrs. T. A. Weaver; of the families, there was not a large second vice-president, Mrs. R. C. Lit. gathering. Doughton said later, "but after 22 tle; secretary and treasurer, Mrs. C. S. Stevenson, historian, Mrs. Fred things to eat and following the dinsay anything about swapping jobs. Winkler, chaptain, Mrs. L. D. Wood-ner a watermelon feast was indulged and Mrs. C. W. Teal was elected in. The event was thoroughly enjoyadelegate to the State Departmental ble, and the well known couple have convertion, which will be held in Greensboro August 26-27-28. In the absence of Mrs. L. S. Issacs, the bus-Mr. Howard V. Gragg has been iness sessions were presided over by named manager of the Watauga Au- Mrs. Charles L. Younce.

ed and the local relief office asks are now practically complete. Henry it was decided to secure Harold C. warded her as a present by a brother, all those in need of this improvement H. Anderson, field manager, and E. (Old Wayside) Brown to render a Mr. J. H. Bryan, of Edmonton, Can-

#### POLICE CHIEF GROSS IS ACQUITTED OF ASSAULT CHARGE

\$1.50 PER YEAR

Jury Deliberates Four Minutes in Re-turning Verdict in Favor of Gross, Was Arraigned Under Warrant Sworn Out by H. J. Weston of Indiana, Alleging Assault with Deadly Weapon. Crowd Cheers Verdict.

Les Gross, chief of police of Boone, was acquitted of a charge of assault with deadly weapon, inflicting dangerous and serious injury" to the per-son of H. J. Weston, when he was arraigned before the Recorder inst Tuesday the jury requiring only four minutes to reach a verdict.

Mr. Weston, who has been in the ounty for some time in the capacity a salesman for aluminum ware swore out the warrant for Chief Gross as a result of an encounter with the hand of the law some two weeks ago, when he was taken be-fore A. J. Edmisten, justice of the peace, on a charge of violating traf-fic ordinances and profane and boistrous conduct on the streets. Weston was acquitted by the magistrate and forthwith caused the warrant to be issued for the police officer, charging assault with deadly weapon.

Large Crowd

Perhaps the largest crowd ever to attend the sessions of the Recorders Court gathered for the trist, and about thirty witnesses had been sum-Mr. Baxter M. Linney, son of the late lamented Frank A. Linney and recently a resident of L. noir, was named chairman of the Republican Executive Committee of Calawell County at the convention Saturday and at the same time was chosen as his party's candidate for the solicitural province of the Republican of the State being that the plaintiff was assaulted by the defendant without sufficient provocation or cause, that when the plaintiff's attention was called to the obstruction of traffic an attempt was being made to get into a purking space, and that when Linney's Democratic opponent A unique struction develops in that Mr. Lunney's Democratic opposent in the fall election will be his friend and law pariner, Max C. Wilson.

Mr. Lunney, who succeeds G. W. E. Lunney and the affirms of the Republican partry since he reached his nationally and will doubtless furnish a courageous type of leadership to the G. G. P. P. P. Lunney and the chairmanship Mr. Linney said.

It receiving the nomination and the chairmanship Mr. Linney said.

I shall attempt to run the Republican Grant Struck blows with steel nandoutins, and coursel intimated that no violation resulted from cursing of the planning.

Defense Testimony

Policemen Gross's testimony, which ing the entire county. I shall do all occupied by Weston was brocking the county of the entire county. I shall do all occupied by Weston was brocking the in my power to keep down cliques traffic lane, and that when approached it was driven down the effect and it was driven down the effect and the second time. Approach was corroborated by a number of wit-nesses, was to the effect that the car occupied by Weston was blocking the proached the second time, it moved into the intersection of Main and Depot streets. Mr. Gross said, and again he tried to open traffic. At this time, cratic party, and if we nominate a good ticket here today all of us will do all in our power to lead it to victory. We'll let the Democrats and Republicans of Caldwell County know that the Republican party is a party Republicans of Caldwell County know braced timeself as it to kick the outthat the Republican party is a party of the people and not of a small group of people," asserted Mr. Linthe plaintiff being strucks across the wrist and face. Mr. Cappage area after. Weston continued cursing even after he had entered the town half

of the Ways and Means Committee, oner because of his escape. Spicer fense counsel are expected to make a was endersed for the Governorship said he wanted to see his baby, and motion for assessing the plaintiff with

#### Boone Folk Celebrate Golden Wedding Event

Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Dougherty of Bonne celebrated their firtieth wed-At a meeting of the American Le-gion Auxiliary, held Friday afternoon week, when a dinner was set in hon-

The table was loaded with good ner a watermelon feast was indulged

#### MAMMOTH BEAR SKIN

Mrs. Cora Councill received Tuesday a mammoth polar bear skin, forwork.

The Cook home was beautifully ple have called at Mrs. Councill's home for a look at the beautiful skin. made yesterday by the pastor, Rev.

In the evening at 8 o'clock Rev.

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