

By J. C. R.

ALMOST TRAPPED

Little Joe Spicer, ninety-five-pound convict at Cap'n Brown's camp west of Boone...

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 hotel...

Cash was low in the Sketch Man's treasure chest... in fact a pack of Camels would have demolished his lifetime savings...

We tried our best to hire a jitney, with the promise of pay on a certain Saturday... we almost wept at the plight of our brother craftsman...

Came the morning... and Cap'n Brown... poppin' off at the gills... made his appearance at The Democrat office...

Joe's baby wasn't sick... in fact, Joe hasn't had much to do with his family for quite some time...

We're mighty sorry that Joe has strayed from the paths of righteousness... for we always thought a lot of the lad...

And speaking of the drama makes us think of that good-looking State's witness who appeared in the Gross trial Tuesday...

Our junior daughter, Jimmy Emeline... alias Jim, alias Philbert... has been pestering the old man to put her name in print for the past week...

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 Sassa Being Bought at Cranberry for Cash. Blackberry Prices Are on Upgrade, and Huckleberries Bring 30 Cents. Turnip Greens Are Now Growing Under New Program.

The Tennessee Valley Authority's cannery at Cranberry, operated under the Carolina Mountain Co-operatives, is now running full blast three weeks after its establishment...

Stringless green pod beans are bringing as much as 2 1/2 cents; turnip greens (Japanese), 1c; blackberries, gallon, 23c; huckleberries, 30c; beets, 3c; carrots, 1c; sweet corn, Golden Bantam, in shuck, per 100, 50c; sweet corn, Stowell's, 40c per 100.

All prices quoted are on the products delivered at the cannery.

Turnip Greens on Way

Turnip greens are now growing under the co-operative program; and it is explained that they should be cut from one and a half to two inches above the ground...

Blackberries 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...

Huckleberries at 30 cents will be taken for a limited time, the picker to receive 27 cents.

A section of the cannery has been set apart for custom canning, and products may be brought there and canned for a small charge.

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

Majestic Demonstration At Local Hardware

Mr. Guy E. Bissette, factory representative for the Great Majestic Ranges, is at the Farmers Hardware Store this week, where daily demonstrations of the improved range are being made.

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.

SPECIAL SERVICES AT M. E. CHURCH NEXT SUNDAY

Presiding Elder A. C. Giggs will preach at the Boone Methodist Church next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock, according to announcement made yesterday by the pastor, Rev. J. H. Brendall Jr.

In the evening at 8 o'clock Rev. Brendall will have charge of a special patriotic program, sponsored by the local council, Jr. O. U. A. M. All Juniors are especially invited, and the general public will be welcomed.

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 course which he will follow in reaching a final decision on whether the Shenandoah National Parkway shall take a westerly course after reaching Blowing Rock, N. C. into Tennessee or continue on through North Carolina and enter the Smoky Mountain National Park via Asheville and Cherokee.

That the secretary, as administrator of the FWA which has set aside eighteen million dollars for the project, is strictly on top of the Smokies and in a neutral position in the matter 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, Secretary Ickes said that he would conduct a hearing in Washington or at some place in the park area within the next three weeks, in order that North Carolina and Tennessee people could present their respective claims.

After hearing statements presented, and studying them, the secretary proposed to make a trip through western North Carolina over the route that is proposed by members of Congress and State officials after leaving the Linville Gorge section, and then go to Tennessee and study the route proposed from Gatlinburg, Sevier County, to Greenville, at which point the Tennessee folk are asking that the parkway arrive after leaving Roan Mountain, Tenn.

It developed that soon after Senator Reynolds had yesterday afternoon pleaded the cause of the North Carolina route south from Linville Gorge. Senators Bachman and McCellar of Tennessee arrived and insisted that the Blowing Rock to Gatlinburg route be followed.

To Postpone Trip

Senator Reynolds said tonight, after learning of the proposed hearing which is expected to attract the entire Tar Heel congressional delegation, that he would now have to postpone his proposed trip to Mexico in order to be present.

"I fear that our neighbors in Tennessee are building up more background for the proposed east Tennessee entrance than we are doing in North Carolina. I have just returned from a trip over the entire Smoky Mountain Park by auto. All over East Tennessee you see signs 'Knoxville, gateway to the Smoky Mountains National Park, enter this way!'"

"At every service station we are handed 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 Secretary Ickes that the Western North Carolina route is the logical and natural one to adopt."

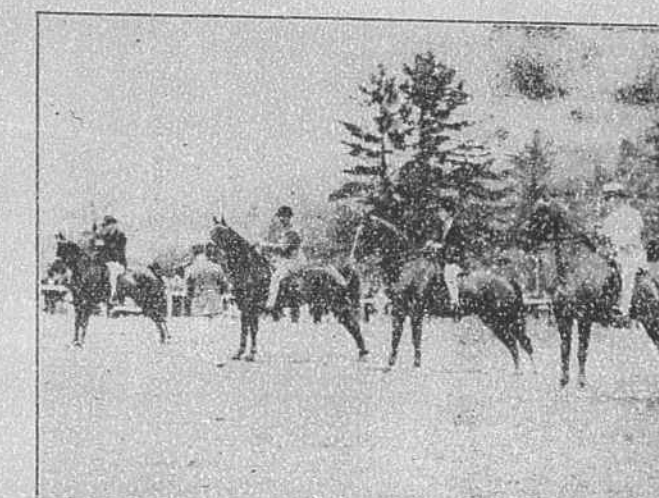
New Hardware Store Will Open Saturday

The Watauga Hardware Store will open its doors for business Saturday morning, according to an announcement made in The Democrat today. The building, formerly occupied by the Boone Clothing Store, has been thoroughly remodeled with especial consideration of the peculiar needs of the hardware business and goods are arriving daily.

Sanitary Privies Art Again Being Provided

The sanitary privy project on a county-wide scale has been reinstated and the local relief office asks all those in need of this improvement to immediately file their application at the office in the courthouse so that details of construction may proceed. It is explained that there is no cost to the building, other than the material, which the property owner is to provide.

Judging the Winners at the Horse Show



Firely MacDonald, owned by Horace Johnston of Charlotte, 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 Relative. Sensational Trial Ends 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 the young woman was found dead by neighbors at her country home last December.

Judge John M. Oglesby of Concord, presiding over the term at Wilkesboro, allowed a non-suit motion when he announced that the State had not put up sufficient evidence to hold any of the five defendants on the charge. Walking out of the court room as free persons were Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Tilley, Clyde Tilley and Mrs. Luther Tilley, while Luther Tilley was acquitted of that charge but was held in jail pending trial in the murder of Andrew Eldridge seven years ago.

The state rested its case at 4:40 o'clock Saturday afternoon, and J. Hayden Burke of defense counsel began argument on a motion for non-suit, first on the count of conspiracy 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 judicial district, whose zealous investigation of circumstances surrounding the mysterious death led to the indictment of the Tilleys, made a brief oral argument citing major points in the State's evidence before the charges were dismissed.

Thus came to an end the trial of 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 months ago.

LABOR ENDORSES ROBT. L. DOUGHTON

Ninth District Congressman Is Given Gubernatorial Boost by Federation. Doughton Says He's Not Thinking of Swapping Jobs Now.

Congressman Robert L. Doughton, Ninth District veteran, and chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, was endorsed for the Governorship of North Carolina in a surprise move at the convention of the North Carolina Federation of Labor in Asheville Monday.

Mr. Doughton had just concluded an address praising the New Deal and demanding improved methods of taxation, when R. R. Lawrence, Federation president, suddenly demanded of the 250 delegates and visitors: "Everybody in favor of Mr. Doughton for the next Governor of North Carolina, stand up."

A tremendous ovation followed, practically everybody in the room standing. "I feel highly complimented," Mr. Doughton said later, "but after 22 years in Congress I'm not going to say anything about swapping jobs. I've got to get re-elected this fall."

Watauga County Auto Club Being Organized

Mr. Howard V. Gragg has been named manager of the Watauga Auto Club, organization plans for which are now practically complete. Henry H. Anderson, field manager, and E. W. Davis, district manager for the State association, were in town last week assisting with the organization work.

The club, among other things, gives members free emergency road service, towing service, accident policy, legal service, and a number have already been given membership cards. The association is also sponsoring legislation which would lower State auto license tags.

POLICE CHIEF GROSS IS ACQUITTED OF ASSAULT CHARGE

Jury Deliberates Four Minutes in Returning 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.

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

Mr. Weston, who has been in the county for some time in the capacity of 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 before A. J. Edmisten, justice of the peace, on a charge of violating traffic ordinances and profane and boisterous 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 trial, and about thirty witnesses had been summoned. Solicitor Zimmerman was assisted in the prosecution by Attorney J. E. Holshouser, the contention 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 parking space, and that when approached by the officer the third time, when the encounter took place, the car had not come to a complete stop, and that its occupants were talking to some ladies on the street. It was also alleged that the plaintiff did not use profane language until Mr. Gross had struck blows with steel handcuffs, and counsel intimated that no violation resulted from cursing of the plaintiff.

Defense Testimony

Policeman Gross's testimony, which was corroborated by a number of witnesses, was to the effect that the car occupied by Weston was backing the traffic lane, and that when approached it was driven down the street and came to a stop the second time. Approached 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, he states, Mr. Weston told him he was too "damn smart" and he was ordered by the policeman to appear before the Mayor. As the official reached for Weston, it is said, he braced himself as if to kick the officer, and in absence of a billy, the handcuffs were used as a persuader, the plaintiff being struck across the wrist and face. Mr. Gross says that Weston continued cursing even after he had entered the town hall.

Escaped Convict Is Quickly Recaptured

Joe Spicer, one of the prisoners stationed at the State camp near Boone, walked away Thursday night and was recaptured Friday at his home near Laurel Springs by Carter Farthing of the local camp personnel, and Captain Rackley of Ashe County. He was taken from Boone to the prison camp at Spruce Pine, where he will give up the rank of A-1 prisoner because of his escape. Spicer said he wanted to see his baby, and gave that as the reason for his walk-off. He was sent to the roads for a term of 12 months on a charge of abduction and had been a trusty.

Boone Folk Celebrate Golden Wedding Event

Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Dougherty of Boone celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary on Tuesday of last week, when a dinner was set in honor of the occasion, and attended by a number of close relatives and friends. Owing, however, to the downpour of rain and sickness in some of the families, there was not a large gathering.

Mrs. Teal New President Local Legion Auxiliary

At a meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary, held Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. N. G. Cook on Blowing Rock Road, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Mrs. C. W. Teal, first vice-president, Mrs. T. A. Weaver; second vice-president, Mrs. R. C. Little; secretary and treasurer, Mrs. C. S. Stevenson; historian, Mrs. Fred Winkler; chaplain, Mrs. L. D. Woodard. Mrs. C. W. Teal was elected delegate to the State Departmental Convention, which will be held in Greensboro August 26-27-28. In the absence of Mrs. L. S. Isaacs, the business sessions were presided over by Mrs. Charles L. Younce.

Following the election of officers, it was decided to secure Harold C. (Old Wayside) Brown to render a program some time in the immediate future, the date to be announced later.

MAMMOTH BEAR SKIN

Mrs. Cora Council received Tuesday a mammoth polar bear skin, forwarded her as a present by a brother, Mr. J. H. Bryan, of Edmonton, Canada. The glistening white pelt is more than ten feet in length and a few inches less in breadth, and many people have called at Mrs. Council's home for a look at the beautiful skin. Mr. Bryan, who for twenty-five years has been a large-scale buyer of furs, says that in all his trips into the Arctic Circle he has never yet been able to procure so fine a specimen from the far-flung ice floes of the frozen north.