

# BOONE SKETCHES

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### CONFLICTING OPINIONS

We scorched the Liberty League a couple of weeks ago... did a right neat job, we thought... and quite a number of folks here and there bragged mightily at the effort... but from out at Somerset, Ky., our good friend and former associate, Wagner A. Reese, writes a letter that kinda takes the wind out of our sails.

"I always very greatly enjoy your 'Boone Sketches.' They are not only amusing, but generally instructive. However, in a recent issue, your comments on the newly-formed Liberty League (I believe that is the name of it) I think missed the mark considerably. Now I know almost nothing of those who are prominent in this new move, hence would not undertake to defend them.

"Right now I am being threatened with imprisonment, and at the present I am of the opinion that those threats will be carried out. And what is it all for? Certainly, I have not killed anyone, nor have I robbed any bank nor handled any moonshine. It is simply because I operate a little country print shop, where I do perhaps \$250 business per year, to supplement a meager income, so that I and my family may have a living. I have always conducted it on an upright basis. But this New Deal (or dirty deal) makes demands upon me that I cannot conscientiously comply with, both from a business and religious standpoint.

We do not, of course, quite understand the liberties of which our good friend makes mention... hence it is impossible to offer comment on his plight... but we are willing to predict that he will not spend one single night in prison. The NRA has perhaps wrought certain injustices, for reforms of such wide scope will naturally place burdens on a few in order to bring long-dreamed-of relief to multitudes.

Josephus Daniels, American Ambassador to Mexico, read the article referred to by Mr. Reese, and in a letter to a Boone friend referred to it as "an admirable skinning for those who, under pretense of saving the Constitution, are upholding privilege, and seeking to return the nation to an Old Deal which gave up ragged individualism."

We're sorry that Wagner Reese has been injured, for no better fellow than he ever left Watauga... but we are forced to believe, with the editor of a prominent national magazine that we are losing some very objectionable liberties... the noble liberty of starving to death... the liberty to go unclothed or to be without a roof over our heads in this great land of our fathers.

A partisan reader asks an editorial opinion as to why a Democrat should be barred from political consideration because he unwittingly followed a Democrat President in the carrying out of a controversial campaign and platform promise. This scribe, not being much of a fountain of information, is following the line of least resistance by "passing the buck."

### Many Years in Dungeon

A world's record is claimed for a Tibetan monk who voluntarily passed sixty-nine years in a dungeon. When he returned to the light, his eyes were sightless, and he had been bleached white by the confinement.

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## PARKWAY MAY BE BUILT OVER THE TENNESSEE ROUTE

Delegates Wage Bitter Fight in Meeting Before Secretary Ickes After It Is Found Special Committee Recommends Route Proposed by Neighbor State. Road Already Located to Blowing Rock.

Washington, D. C. — Delegations from North Carolina and Tennessee to a hearing Tuesday before Secretary Ickes on the Shenandoah-Great Smoky Mountains Parkway learned that a committee named by Ickes to locate the route had recommended that proposed by Tennessee.

The committee was composed of Arno B. Cammerer, director of the national park service; Thomas MacDonald, chief of the bureau of public roads, and George L. Radcliffe, formerly public works division engineer at Baltimore.

The delegations from the two states learned of the committee's report shortly before the hearing at which they presented their contentions for the southern portion of the route. The parkway had already been located as far south as Blowing Rock, N. C.

### Tennessee Request

Tennessee urged a route turning westward at Blowing Rock, leaving the Blue Ridge Mountains and entering the Unaka range at the Tennessee line, following this range generally southward to the Pigeon River, where it would fork for a loop through the Smoky Mountains Park, with one entrance to the park at Gatlinburg, Tenn., and another at Cherokee, N. C.

The delegation from North Carolina urged a route lying wholly within that state south of Blowing Rock, skirting Mount Mitchell and Mount Pisgah and entering the Smokies in North Carolina.

R. G. Browning, chief location engineer for the North Carolina Highway Commission, who opened the argument for that State, said the Blue Ridge came nearest the requirements for the Parkway which "should be reasonably direct, through scenery the best possible, constructed at a reasonable cost, easily accessible and located with a view to the best possible development of recreational facilities."

### Cites Tourist Industry

The tourist industry of North Carolina, with its existing facilities, was cited by Robert Latham, Asheville editor, as a reason for routing the parkway in North Carolina, but W. T. Kennerly, of Knoxville, replied that the tourist industry did not "belong to North Carolina alone in perpetuity."

Browning's contention that the Blue Ridge route was more desirable from an engineering viewpoint was disputed by Frank Webster, Tennessee's Highway Commissioner, who asserted the Tennessee route would be fifteen miles shorter and more easily traversed.

Webster also claimed more varied and rugged scenery for the Tennessee route, declaring that he had examined both routes in a total of eight weeks spent studying them on foot, on horseback, in automobile and by airplane.

Most of the arguments except those presented by Browning, Webster and Latham, consisted in conflicting claims by the two delegations on the score of scenery and accessibility, as well as to charges by some of the Tennesseans that North Carolina's attitude was "selfish and greedy."

The speakers included Governor McAllister, Senators McKellar and Bashian (both Democrats of Tennessee, and Senators Bailey and Reynolds (both Democrats of North Carolina), Representative Doughton, Democrat of North Carolina, and Frank Page, former chairman of the State Highway Commission, for North Carolina. Governor Ehringhaus of North Carolina headed his delegation and introduced the speakers.

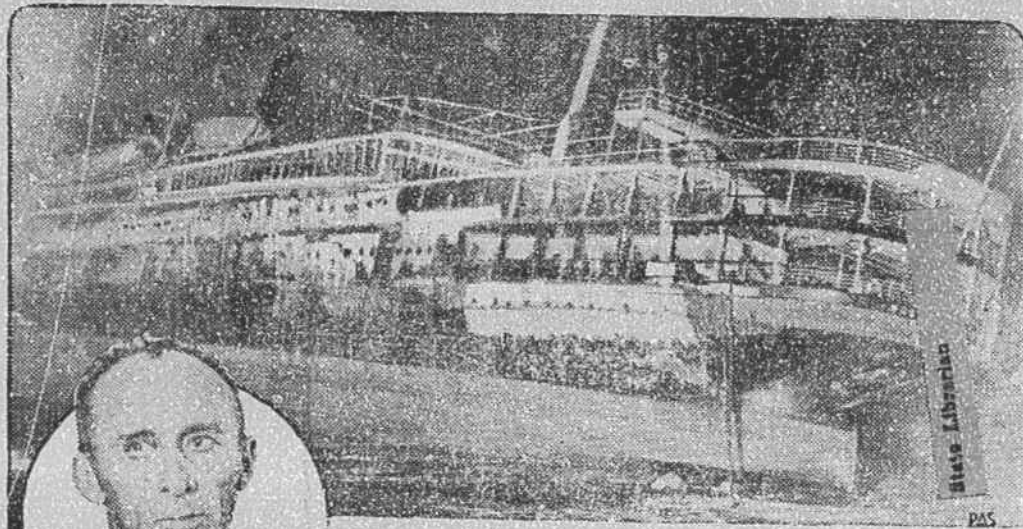
The Interior Department auditorium was filled with several hundred residents of both states during the hearing, which lasted three hours. Ickes said he was unable to give any indication when he would reach a decision.

## Transfer Management of Hotel at Blowing Rock

Transfer of the management of the Mayview Manor Hotel from M. M. Chapman, manager for three years, to Paul Moldenhauer, owner of the Green Park Hotel, was made known at Blowing Rock Monday. Mr. Moldenhauer will be in charge of both hotels next summer and is planning to establish uniform rates at both places.

He manages the Nautilus Hotel in Miami Beach during the winter, while Mr. Chapman is in charge of the Miami-Biltmore at Coral Gables. The present owner of the Manor is J. E. Brophy of Lenoir.

## Smouldering Remains of Ill-Fated Morro Castle After Great Death Toll



NEW YORK.—The intense interest in the Federal investigation of the burning of the S. S. Morro Castle with great loss of life, was reflected by the manner in which all evidence was eagerly scanned by persons in all walks of life. Acting Captain W. F. Warms (inset) testified that he believed the fire that swept the ship was "set by someone." Photo above is close-up of the death ship as it went aground at Asbury Park, N. J. The list of dead and missing was set at 186.

## ROAD SENTENCES TOTALING OVER 3 YEARS PASSED

Trial of Criminal Cases in Superior Court Quickly Dispensed With. Ray and Henry Pennell Given Two Year Sentences by Judge Harding. Wilkes Men Draw Six Months for Operating Car With Smoke Screen.

Watauga Superior Court, which convened Monday for a one-week raised term with Judge W. F. Harding of Charlotte presiding, had disposed of all criminal actions by Wednesday morning, the grand jury having been dismissed Tuesday afternoon.

Ray and Henry Pennell, charged with violating the prohibition laws and larceny, drew the longest terms, having been sentenced to the roads for a term of two years.

Ralph Freeland and Arnold Gilreath, Wilkes County men, were sent to the roads for six months on charges growing out of operating an automobile to which a smoke screen had been affixed, and which contained a quantity of whiskey. The whiskey case had previously been disposed of in Recorder's Court.

Sherman Winebarger, charged with assault with a deadly weapon, was adjudged not guilty.

Dwight Moretz, assault with deadly weapon, 60 days on roads. Fin Winebarger, simple assault, assessed with one-half cost; witnesses not to prove.

George Bingham, charged with removing fence, was dismissed on payment of one-half the cost.

Walter Bumgarner, interfering with an officer in the performance of his duties, sentenced to 60 days on the roads. Judgment suspended on payment of cost.

John Johnson, public drunkenness. (Continued on Page 8)

## ZIMMERMAN NEW COACH AT A. S. T. C.

Boone Attorney, Former Star at Wake Forest, Assumes Duties as Line Coach. Head Coach Garbee Looks for "Fair Eleven."

With Charles Zimmerman, former Wake Forest College gridiron star, handling the line men for the first time, Appalachian State Teachers have completed two weeks of football practice, with prospects of a fair team, despite loss by graduation last spring of five regular linemen and three starting backs.

Mr. Zimmerman, who has been practicing law in Boone for the past two years, played his first football with Asheville High School and then entered Wake Forest where he starred for four years, completing his career there in 1930. He was appointed line coach the first of the month.

Head Coach Garbee, whose Mountaineers made scoring history last year, is not quite optimistic over the coming season but expects to have a presentable eleven in action.

Trippany, star halfback and captain, is expected to carry the brunt of the work in the backfield, while the veteran McConnell, all-conference end last fall, and Moore, center, form the nucleus for the forewall.

About eighty men have been drilling at College Field for the past two weeks. Freshman Coach Watkins and his assistant, Freddie McDonald, expect a nice frosh eleven.

The schedule for the varsity, one of the toughest the Mountaineers have faced in years, opens with Milligan College at Elizabethton, Tenn., on September 29th.

## Candidates Are Named By Republicans Last Monday

OPEN SEASON FOR SQUIREL OPENS ON OCTOBER 1

Contrary to the belief of some local sportsmen, the squirrel hunting season does not open until October 1st, according to word given out by J. A. Bradshaw, district game and fish warden of Asheville, who visited in Boone Monday.

Mr. Bradshaw says that the period from October 1st to November 30th was fixed by the General Assembly for the shooting of squirrels and that no other power can change it. He states that the Conservation Department may shorten the open season, but that they have no power over the opening date. All hunters shooting squirrel during the month of September should be vigorously prosecuted, he added.

## DEMOCRATS PUT OUT TICKET AT SATURDAY MEET

Howell to Make Sheriff's Race; Dean Swift Party Choice for Assemblyman; Baker and Herman Get Support for Sheriff, While Swift Leads, Hodges, Hagaman and Boyden, Moretz and Hodges Lose to South.

The Democratic County Convention held Saturday morning for the purpose of naming candidates for the various county offices, was practically without incident, no resolutions were offered, and the business was dispatched in rapid-fire order.

A. Y. Howell, present sheriff of the county, was renominated with a handsome majority of the delegate votes, while Harrison Baker and Martin Herman came in for substantial recognition when the roll of the townships was called.

Dean Swift, well-known teacher, won easily for Representative, the names of Rev. Ed Hodges and Dr. J. B. Hagaman and D. J. Boyden having drawn lesser but at the same time considerable support.

Austin E. South, Clerk of the Court for the past eight years, won the renomination over D. Grady Moretz and Charles G. Hodges, while Miss Helen Underdown was renominated as candidate for Register of Deeds.

W. R. Vines is again candidate for Surveyor, while Dr. Jack Lové is running for Coroner, Dr. J. B. Hagaman having refused to again accept the nomination.

The incumbent Board of County Commissioners, Eller McNeil, W. F. Miller and Coy I. Billings, was renominated without noticeable opposition.

Mr. A. D. Wilson acted as chairman of the assembly, which confined itself solely to the business of stating a ticket.

### COUNTY SINGING

The Watauga County Singing Convention will be held at the courthouse in Boone on the first Sunday in October at 9:45 o'clock.

We will be pleased to have a class from every church in our county and hope that each class is doing everything it can to build up itself and Sunday School, and then, the class will be building our convention.

We welcome you all and trust that you are just going to have that glad day we anticipate you are.

N. L. HARRISON, Chairman  
Z. T. GREENE, Secretary

Prevette and Meekins Principal Speakers; Denounce New Deal Policies and Call for Rally of G. O. P. Followers. Hatley Candidate for Sheriff, while Rev. Walter C. Greene Seeks Seat in Assembly. Mrs. Ralph Bingham to Run for Clerk.

The auditorium and balcony of the County Courthouse were taxed with a capacity crowd Monday evening when the Republicans of Watauga County nominated a ticket for county officers, and heard Hon. James M. Prevette, candidate for Congress, and Hon. William C. Meekins, State Chairman, sound the tocsin of the coming political campaign.

Attorney T. E. Bingham was made permanent chairman after Russell D. Hodges, head of the Watauga Republican organization, opened the meeting. Mr. Bingham, upon accepting the gavel, said a great honor had been bestowed upon him and referred to published reports that under the New Deal 22,000,000 are dependent upon Government dole for sustenance. Following are the nominees:

### The Nominations

For Clerk Superior Court, Mrs. Grace Sherwood Bingham.

For Sheriff, Fred Hatley.

For Representative, Rev. Walter C. Greene.

For County Commissioners: W. A. Proffitt, Arthur Moody and Alfred Thomas.

For Surveyor, I. A. Bumgarner.

For Coroner, Dr. W. O. Bingham. (On Tuesday Dr. Bingham refused the nomination, stating that business affairs would not permit him to accept, and that place on the ticket has been left vacant.)

No candidate was named for judge of the Recorder's Court, it being indicated that the Republicans generally opposed the tribunal. The office of Register of Deeds was left vacant, with instructions to the Executive Committee to name a candidate if it so desired.

Principal interest centered in the Sheriff's race, the following additional names having been offered: Lionel Ward, Earl Cook, W. M. Thomas, A. E. Hamby, C. M. Critcher and L. E. Wilson. The four last named withdrew and Mr. Hatley received the nomination on the second ballot.

Mr. A. W. Smith, veteran political leader, declined to enter the race for the Clerkship, while Blaine Coffey, former assemblyman, declared his inability to again accept his party's honors. Clyde Greene and Marion Thomas withdrew after friends had offered their names. The names of Arlie Wilson, Fowl Hollar and Joe Miller were offered for surveyor, while others placed in nomination as commissioners included DeWitt Brown, Ed Farthing, G. W. Robbins, D. P. Coffey, C. M. Watson and J. M. Hodges.

### Greene States Platform

At the conclusion of the nominations Mr. Greene briefly stated the platform upon which he will seek legislative honors, and announced his unalterable opposition to the retail

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### MARINE VISITS IN WATAUGA

Archie Sims, of the U. S. Marine Corps, left for Washington, D. C., on Friday after spending thirty days with his mother, Mrs. J. C. Church, who has been ill at her home near Blowing Rock. Young Sims is just back from Haiti, where he was stationed for two years at Port Au Prince. He will sail on September 26 for San Diego, Calif., via the Panama Canal, where his company will make a brief stop.

## DOUGHTON GIVEN A ROUSING GREETING AT BOONE RALLY

Ninth District Congressman Delivers Opening Speech of Campaign for Re-election in Courthouse Here. Democratic Leaders from Nine Counties Present. State Chairman Winborne Outlines Plans.

Farmer Bob Doughton had a rousing throng of supporters at the courthouse here Saturday afternoon, when he opened his twelfth campaign for re-election to Congress from the Ninth North Carolina District, and the veteran Allegheny statesman voiced his pleasure at the cheering reception given him.

Democratic leaders from Stanly, Cabarrus, Rowan, Iredell, Alexander, Caldwell, Allegheny and Ashe counties joined with local partisans in a rally which is believed to have been the most enthusiastic in years.

V. D. Guire of Lenoir, chairman of the Ninth Congressional committee presided over the meeting, and representatives from each of the nine counties of the district brought greetings to Mr. Doughton. Wiscasset Band of Albemarle, one of the State's leading musical organizations, played several stirring numbers during the program.

Introduced by Jim Rivers of the Watauga Democrat, Congressman Doughton entered into a vigorous discussion of the accomplishments of the New Deal, defending each and every policy of the Roosevelt administration, and outlining the accomplishments of the past Congress. He characterized the "Old Deal" as a deal of corruption and privilege, "a ruinous, inefficient deal which brought distress to millions of American families and culminated in the financial destitution of the nation."

The veteran legislator pointed to the reduction in unemployment, increase in wages, decrease in working hours, gains in bank deposits and foreign commerce, rise of farm commodities and increased earnings of manufacturers and retailers as fruits of the New Deal, and took occasion to remark that the much talked-of Liberty League is a voice of desperation of the special interests in this country—"desperate because they can no longer become rich at the expense of nakedness and starvation of the people."

### Discusses Expenditures

The speech was typical of Farmer Bob Doughton, covering every phase of legislation which has come up during the past two years, and revealing in detail to unpublished figures of administration costs. "Opponents of the New Deal," said Congressman Doughton, "are endeavoring to mislead the people and cause them to believe that the Administration is creating an enormous debt. They refer to the fact that our national debt has increased around six billions of dollars, and would have you believe that this represents the cost of the New Deal program. They do not tell you that the cash balance in the Treasury is now \$1,800,000 greater than at the time President Roosevelt was inaugurated; they do not tell you that the physical assets held by the government represented by loans made by the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, the Home Owners' Loan Corporation and the Agricultural Credit Administration will be repaid with but slight loss to the Government."

"These loans represent a large part of this six billion and in no sense represents a future charge on the taxpayers, while these opponents are loud in their condemnation of this increase, they are strangely silent regarding the four and a half billion dollar increase in our national debt during the last two years of President Hoover's administration, during which time no effective measures for relief or a return to prosperity were undertaken."

### Fruits of the New Deal

Congressman Doughton introduced the following figures, taken from departmental records, as "fruits of the New Deal":

"Farmers' income has increased \$1,250,000 and over in the past year. Federal income taxpayers in fiscal year 1934 paid on \$2,000,000,000 more income than in the year 1933.

More than 4,000,000 re-employed in private industry, more than 4,000,000 given temporary jobs, and more than 657,000 given public works employment.

"Wages in manufacturing industries have increased \$40,000,000 per week more than in 1933, making a total of approximately \$2,800,000,000.

"Prices of seven staple farm crops have increased in price and are now 95 per cent. of the pre-war average. Price of many farm products are more than 100 per cent greater than last year, and some as high as 200 per cent greater.

"Since the operation of the national deposit guaranty act, instead of thousands of banks closing as was the case during the past few years, there has only been one national and two state bank failures.

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