

# BOONE SKETCHES

By J. C. R.

COLONEL PINKNEY EPASTUS BALDWIN, resident of the Boone's Fork section and the "world's oldest citizen," was a visitor in town Monday. The bearded patriarch, whose alleged mind runs to matters of revenue as applied to government, stopped by for a session with the Sketch Man . . . he shifted his cud to proper position, stuck his thumb in a gaiter strap, and gave us the low-down on political questions. The Colonel will celebrate his two hundred and first anniversary on the day after next Old Christmas . . . that's what he says . . . and during the years of his long life, little has missed those keen brown eyes . . . he's been among those present as each epoch of the New World's development took its place in the pages of history.

But COLONEL BALDWIN is worried to a point of distraction. Bob Doughton, a youngster of 178 years, is angling after the Governorship . . . and Pinkney vows that one of such tender age lacks experience for such important office. The popular Ninth District Congressman had better run for President, said the cagy old duffer, who blushing admits that he delivered many speeches in the interest of Abraham Lincoln's candidacy back in 1860 . . . For Farmer Bob's tax plan is just the thing this country needs. The Sketch Man, a little dull on matters of taxation, injected a query: "What's Doughton's plan," he precariously asked. "For shame!" cried Colonel Baldwin with great indignation. "Don't you know nothing? . . . well, I'll tell you then . . . Doughton aims to cut every man's tax three-thirds; and that's according to Holy Writ. . . I'll back him any time he wants to run for President!" The wise old gentleman then explained that should Mr. Doughton cause his views to be written into law, his, Col. Baldwin's, debt to the State would be trimmed from \$42.50 to \$3.75.

A FRESH CHEW of "hillside navy" replaced the impotent wad in the Baldwin jowl . . . the Colonel spat nonchalantly at the office stove, and continued his observations. "They tell me Tam Bowie is hankerin' to run for Governor, well, I got no objections . . . side by side we fit together at Kings Mountain, and no braver p'nceer ever shot at an Indian than Tam . . . lemme see, he must be goin' on a hunderd and eighty-four . . . yes he's a pow'ful fine young feller."

ROOSEVELT is not so hot up on Boone's Fork, Colonel Baldwin informed his listeners, and unless the Democrats choose a man like Doughton for their presidential nominee next summer, a Republican is going to the White House. "Relief is just too scarce under this 'ministration," continued the veteran, "and you shore can't get votes for nothin'." Each President of the American Union, through the Wilson era, was a personal acquaintance of Baldwin, who declares that the best-balanced, kindest-hearted, "sweetest" Chief Executive this country ever enjoyed was none other than Andy Jackson. "There was a shore-nuff soldier and president," opined our visitor. "I fit with him at the Battle of New Orleans."

LOCAL POLITICAL matters were thrust into the historical ruminations of Colonel Baldwin. "What do you think of Watt Gragg's chances for Congress?" a printer inquired . . . and the whiskers bristled on Pinkney's chin; . . . "Why, the idee! . . . he's got no chance; they tell me he's been a spreadin' news hereabouts that he's older'n me, and it's a rank falsehood . . . Watt ain't but a hunderd and sixty-three last bean pickin' time. Anybody that'll tell a tale like that can't go to Congress."

THE CROWD which had gathered around the Colonel melted away, and the oldest picked up his crooked staff. "Well, guess I'll go up to the courthouse and see about gettin' me a pension" were his parting words as he hobbled away in that direction. And Colonel Baldwin SHOULD get a pension, or many pensions . . . he deserves it or them . . . for every war in which this nation has been involved saw the venerable Pinkney right in the midst of the carnage . . . the Revolution, the Indian wars, the struggle of 1812, the Mexican trouble, the Civil War in which he "fit" for both North and South, the Spanish-American encounter, and the more recent unpleasantness across the sea. In each of these debacles he submerged himself in glory . . . at least that's what Colonel Baldwin says.

SOME FOLKS say the ancient one is just a little grain tetch in the hair, others that he's a plain old liar . . . as for us, we're forced to admit that Colonel Pinkney Erastus Baldwin is "the world's oldest and most learned man."

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## MOOSE CHAIRMAN OF COUNTY-WIDE COMMERCE BODY

### Directors of Civic Enterprise Employ Archie G. Qualls As Secretary.

### TWENTY-SIX BUSINESS MEN CHARTER MEMBERS

### Prospect Is That Membership Will Be Doubled by Next Week. Secretary Outlines Purposes of New Organization.

Dr. G. K. Moose, local druggist and civic leader, was named president of the Watauga Chamber of Commerce at the organization meeting held at the Daniel Boone Hotel last week, and a comprehensive plan of action for the promotion of Boone and the county surrounding, has been formulated. Wade E. Brown, attorney, was named vice-president, Roy Keplar, treasurer, and the board of directors employed Archie G. Qualls, Boone lawyer, as secretary. The board includes the elected officers, Clyde R. Greene, Charles T. Zimmerman, Jim Rivers and C. W. Teal, the last three named being also constituted as an executive committee.

Twenty-six Boone citizens, representative of as many business enterprises, became members of the chamber at the enthusiastic organization session, and since the function of the organization is to be made county-wide, the number is expected to be doubled by next week.

Purposes outlined by Secretary Qualls, in outlining the immediate aims of the organization, called attention to the need of the further advertising of Watauga County as a resort area, and says that the following pertinent points relative to the city and county will be stressed: It is the educational center of Northwest Carolina, famed for its potatoes, cabbage, fine cheese, etc.; ideal climatic conditions; \$80,000 hospital under construction; splendid scenery and points of historic value; the Park-to-Park Highway; Government co-operation in projects and county-wide enterprises; co-operation with local authorities in needed improvements; promotion of good will among people of county and surrounding vicinities; definite advertising program.

Mr. Qualls urges all public spirited citizens to lend their co-operation to the Chamber. Farmers, business and professional men are eligible for membership and a full attendance is especially urged at the meeting to be held in Boone next Tuesday, the 19th. The secretary is devoting all necessary time to the carrying out of business and correspondence of the chamber, and especially solicits suggestions of the people in helping to make the organization a motivating influence in the future development of this favored section.

## Juniors Favor Increase in Educational Budget

Daniel Boone Council, Jr. O. U. A. M., unanimously adopted the following resolution, which calls for a large increase in North Carolina's educational budget, at its regular meeting last week:

"Whereas, the 1933 Session of the General Assembly of North Carolina appropriated the sum of \$16,000,000 per year for the support of an eight months school, and

"Whereas, this inadequate sum has greatly demoralized the public school system of the State by reduction of teachers' salaries below a living wage, which has caused many of our best teachers to seek employment in other fields, and by an insufficient amount being available for repairs on buildings and for transportation, and

"Whereas, the Budget Commission has recommended an appropriation of \$18,500,000 per year, the State Superintendent of Schools has recommended \$22,000,000 and the Secretary of the State Board of Education \$25,000,000, and

"Whereas, through a study of sources of income for the State made by Representative McDonald it is now certain that sufficient revenue to materially increase the appropriation for schools can be secured without an undue burden being placed upon any class of taxpayers, now therefore,

"Be it Resolved, that Daniel Boone Council No. 129, Jr. O. U. A. M., in regular session assembled, endorse an appropriation of \$22,000,000 per year for the public school system and that we urge our Senator, Hon. Dalton Warren, and our Representative, Hon. Dean Swift, to work for this appropriation."

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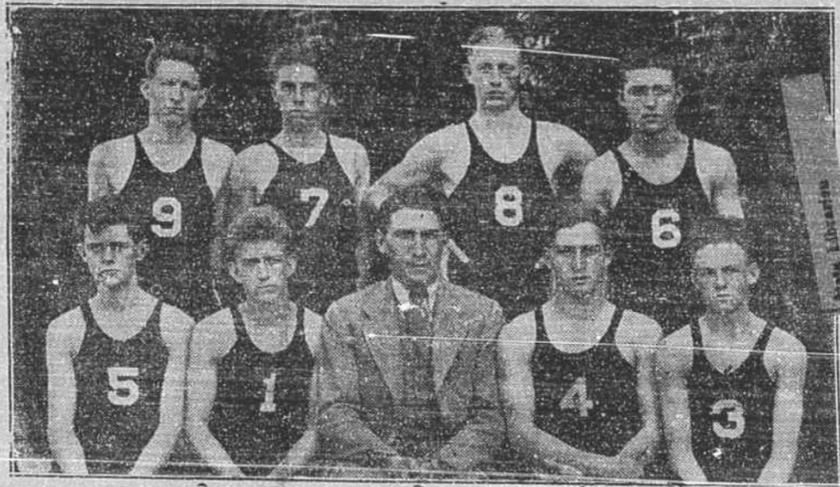
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## City Registration to Begin on April 6th

An election notice carried in The Democrat today calls attention to the municipal election which is to be held on May 7th. The registration books will be opened at the City Hall April 6th, and registration of all qualified voters on a new book will be required. The election this year will be held at City Hall, and Mrs. B. F. Williams will be registrar. A. O. Stanbury and G. H. Winkler will be the judges of election.

## Watauga's Championship Basketball Team



The above photo shows the Cove Creek basket ball team, champions of Watauga County and runner-up to Candler in the Mars Hill Tournament. Front row, left to right: S. Harris, J. Banner, Coach Claud Pyatte, O. Combs and H. Isaacs; back row: V. Henson, T. Lawrence, F. Mast and J. Henson. This team is believed to be the best ever trained in Watauga.

## SANFORD CITIZEN DIES IN WRECK

### Member Well-Digging Crew at Blowing Rock Meets Death on the Yonahlossee Road.

Max Manfield, 26 years old, of Sanford, whose temporary home was in Blowing Rock, met instant death on Tuesday afternoon when his neck was broken and chest crushed in a freak automobile accident on the Yonahlossee Road.

A Ford coach occupied by himself and a companion whose name could not be learned, was being driven on a plank lumber road near Grandfather Mountain. The car had skidded, the young man apparently falling therefrom, and the fatal injuries occurred as he was pinned beneath the running board and the open door. The car didn't turn completely over, but tilted onto its side. The other occupant of the machine was not seriously injured.

Mr. Manfield was in the employ of a concern digging a deep well for the town of Blowing Rock. His body was returned to Sanford for interment.

## Two Are Sentenced By Judge Bingham

A man by the name of Nutter, giving his home as Elizabethton, Tenn., was given the choice of two judgments by Judge John H. Bingham in Recorder's Court Tuesday. The defendant, who was found guilty of transporting 2 1/2 gallons of whiskey, was asked to choose between a fine of \$50 and the cost or six months on the roads. He hadn't made up his mind late in the afternoon, and was being held in jail.

Grafton Fox of Statesville, charged with the larceny of automobile tires and gasoline, was adjudged guilty and given a six-months road sentence.

## SPECIAL MEETING OF CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

A special meeting of the Chamber of Commerce is called by President Moose for Thursday evening of this week at 7:30, Daniel Boone Hotel, at which time a representative of the Rural Rehabilitation Corporation will speak. The subject is of such paramount importance that a large attendance is especially urged.

## TOWN AND FACULTY GAME

A team composed of various citizens of the town, including business leaders, will meet members of the faculty of Appalachian in a basketball game at College Gymnasium on Friday night at 8 o'clock, and sponsors urge a full attendance, no admission being charged. The annual event has heretofore been the occasion for rollicksome fun and it is looked forward to again.

## RECORD CROWDS VIEW NEW CHEVROLET AT LOCAL AGENCY

According to W. R. Winkler of the W. R. Chevrolet Company, the largest crowds in the history of automobiles have enthusiastically viewed the new 1935 Master DeLuxe Chevrolet. Everyone expressed himself as being pleased with the new turret type tops and the larger, roomier bodies by Fisher. The improved Blue Flame Engine develops 24 per cent more horsepower at touring speeds than ever before and the cable controlled air weather brakes have been refined until they are all that is desired in safety and ease of operation.

"Advance orders are piling up every day," states Mr. Winkler, "and we are expecting the best year in the history of our dealership. Our parts department is the best in the county and our service is supreme."

Mr. Winkler states that there will be demonstrators at the local agency at all times and all who have not seen this wonderful car are invited to come in for a demonstration.

## Bowie Will Not Run For Governor

### Ashe Solon Tells Friends He Has No Such Intention.



T. M. C. BOWIE, Ashe County Representative, is telling his friends that he has no intention of running for Governor next year. Mr. Bowie is at present occupying a strengthened position in legislative circles, and his candidacy would have undoubtedly met with an increased following. Rumor has it that Mr. Bowie may oppose Senator Bob Reynolds in 1938.

## A. S. T. C. Wins Honors in Forensic Tournament

The debaters and orators from Appalachian State Teachers College ranked high in the tournament of the South Atlantic Forensic Association, held in Hickory, March 7, 8, 9. In the young women's oratorical contest Miss Mary Williams won first place in the State and second place among the states competing. Her subject was "Eyes to See." In the young men's oratorical contest Mr. Carmon Stuart won second place among the six states competing, excelled only by N. C. State College's representative. Mr. Stuart's subject was "Since Five Lean Years."

The Appalachian debaters ranked first among teachers colleges and tied with Wake Forest for second place in the State.

The young women's affirmative team, Miss Francis Mull and Miss Elizabeth Shipman, won three out of four debates. The young men's affirmative team, Mr. Carmon Stuart and Mr. Eugene Byrd, won three out of six debates.

The young men's negative team, Mr. Ray Stike and Mr. Winton Rankin, won four out of six debates, until this time undefeated in two years.

## HEALTH PLAY TO BE GIVEN IN SCHOOLS OF WATAUGA

The Carolina Playmakers, in cooperation with the Good Tooth Council for Children, Inc., and Division of Oral Hygiene of North Carolina State Board of Health will present "Circus of Bust," a puppet play by Anna B. Towns and Lon W. Morrey, D. D. S., at Cove Creek High School Tuesday, March 19, 9 o'clock a. m.; Boone Demonstration School, 11 o'clock a. m., and Blowing Rock School at 2 o'clock.

The characters are: Jack Whitcomb, Joan Whitcomb, Mrs. Whitcomb, Dr. Carson, Tony the Fruit Man, a Clown, Mickey Mouse, MILK Man, The Puppeteer, Louise McGuire and William Long, puppet director. Catherine McAndrews, Admission free, school patrons invited.

## STONE THROWN IN PLAY KILLS CHILD

### Earl Holler, 8 Years Old, Succumbs, a Victim of Playful Antic. Funeral Saturday.

Earl, eight-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Holler of Lovell, died at Grace Hospital, Banner Elk, Friday afternoon from a fractured skull, suffered twenty-four hours earlier, as he was accidentally struck with a rock thrown by a 13-year-old brother. The boys were playing near the Holler home, it is said, and were throwing stones. Earl, it is understood, changed his position as the brother let go a missile, with the fatal result. The elder brother is said to be almost prostrate with grief over the occurrence.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday afternoon from the Brushy Fork Baptist Church by Rev. W. D. Ashley and interment was in a nearby cemetery.

Surviving are the bereaved parents, three brothers and five sisters.

## Woodcraft Novelty Concern Is Operating

Mr. W. H. Gragg, receiver for the Woodcraft Novelty Company, states that business for the local manufacturing enterprise is improving, and that by today he will have twenty men on the payroll, an average of ten having been regularly employed since he was named receiver by the court six weeks ago.

The demand for the novelties being produced is said to be growing and a recent large contract for the Daniel Boone Cabin Logs is expected to result in the addition of several more employees for the next two or three months.

## SHERIFF HOWELL MAKES NUMBER OF BOOZE HAULS

Fifty-five gallons of whiskey, three automobiles and their drivers have been the result of the diligence of police and sheriffs officers in apprehending rum-runners through the county, within the past few days. One defendant has been acquitted, one given six months, and the other is yet to be tried.

## REAL ESTATE DEALS

Real estate transfers in the city recently include:

The sale of the Vilas Moretz house on Oak Street to Mrs. J. F. Harkle-road.

The purchase by Mr. and Mrs. Albert Farthing of the Grady Mast residence in Green Heights.

The sale of the A. G. Miller garage property to the Hodges Tire Company.

## UNION SERVICES AT THE M. E. CHURCH SUNDAY NIGHT

Union services, in which all churches of the town are asked to join, will be held at the Methodist Church next Sunday evening at 7:30, at which time Dr. J. C. Owen of Raleigh will speak with as his subject "Temperance." Dr. Owen is known as a forceful orator and everybody is invited to hear him.

## LEGION DEBATE

Adjutant C. W. Teal, of the local American Legion Post, again calls attention to the joint debate which will be staged at Legion Hall Friday evening on the subject: "Resolved, that the North Carolina Legislature should legalize sale of whiskey." All ex-service men, their wives and children, are urged to attend.

Avery County farmers have planted fifty Asiatic chestnut trees as a demonstration in growing this blight resistant variety in the mountains of Western North Carolina.

## CORPS PARKWAY ENGINEERS NOW STATIONED IN CITY

### Twenty-six State Surveyors Are Now Engaged in Running Preliminary Lines.

## FEDERAL ENGINEERS TO FOLLOW WITH LOCATION

### Party Now Engaged Near Deep Gap and Will Use Boone as Base for Many Weeks. Portion of Road Is Ready for Contract.

Twenty-five engineers from the State Highway and Public Works Commission took up their abode in Boone last week, and making this city their base, are engaged in running preliminary lines on the scenic highway through the Blowing Rock section, connecting the Shenandoah and Great Smoky Mountains National parks.

At present the engineers are working between Deep Gap and Glendale Springs and expect to use Boone as their base until long after their activities have passed through Blowing Rock. Engineer McKinley is in charge of the party, and a crew of fifteen local men have been employed as axmen to clear away the brush for the surveyors.

Federal Engineers Follow. The preliminary surveys, it is stated, are being followed up by engineers from the Bureau of Public Roads, who will be on actual location duty, and it is expected that several sections of the huge Federal project will have been actually located by midsummer.

Chief Locating Engineer Browning, in Boone a few days ago, stated that one ten-mile section south of the Virginia line has already been located and is ready to be let to contract. It is not believed that there can be any actual construction work started until Congress shall have passed the President's Public Works Appropriation measure.

However, folks in this section of county are favorably impressed since engineers are actually on the job in this territory.

## Birth Registration Drive Receives 'Fair' Response

RALEIGH, N. C.—North Carolina parents are classed as "fair" in their responses to the appeal of the Bureau of the Census, the State Board of Health and the State ERA for a complete registration of babies born in the State during the past year, Dr. John R. Hamilton, director of the Division of Vital Statistics, is informed.

North Carolinians had reported approximately one-third of the number of births recorded for 1933 on the little cards sent out from Washington up to the end of last week. Recorded births in 1933 reached 75,422, and already in 1934 the number has reached 79,350, by which Dr. Hamilton estimates that complete recording will show at least 80,000 births last year. Watauga County parents have reported in the present "Register Your Baby" campaign the births of 185 children during the past year, or 42 per cent of the 440 actually recorded births for the year 1933, up to last week, as compared with about thirty-three per cent for the State, Dr. Hamilton said.

This indicates that fully 50,000 parents in North Carolina have had children born to them during the past year who have not filled in the buff-colored cards distributed by the Post-office Department to them from the postoffice from which they receive mail, said Dr. Hamilton. The children who have thus been slighted may have occasion many times in the future to condemn the parental neglect, the vital statistics man said.

The campaign is about to end, but there is yet time for parents to secure these cards from the nearest postoffice and get them to Washington in time to be counted and checked at the State Board of Health in Raleigh.

## FARTHING TRANSFERRED TO CHARLOTTE OFFICE H. O. L. C.

H. Grady Farthing, preliminary State appraiser for the Home Owners Loan Corporation, was last week transferred from Greensboro to the Charlotte office, where he will work in the appraisal and service departments. Mr. Farthing recently resigned as county game warden, and has been succeeded in this capacity by Mr. Edward Mast, of Adams.

## AT BETHEL HIGH SCHOOL

The Dramatic Club, under the direction of Miss Dickson, presented their play, "Zippy," before an appreciative audience here Saturday night, March 9th. Good weather permitted a large crowd, practically every seat being taken. The order was most excellent throughout the evening. Patrons, pupils, players, teachers, most everyone thought so. We want this to be said of each and every future event of this kind.

The next play to be given by the Bethel High School will be the annual Senior play. Work on this will begin soon. Watch for an announcement of the date of its presentation.