

BOONE SKETCHES

By J. C. R.

SIGNS OF SPRING

At the horseshoe counter of Cottrell's Quick Lunch establishment sat the Sketch Man... his heathy gills immersed in authoritative "Java," his cerebellum humming with thoughts of fishing holes and budding crocuses and sunny, cloudless skies... thoughts aroused by the glorious vernal season. Through the doorway of Mr. Cottrell's self-styled "joint" drifted a radiant image, blood-cousin, surely, to the goddess Venus... a sunny-haired baby draped in gossamer garments. A male of the lounge type stalked possessively at her side... a narrow-chested collegian in baggy pantaloons.

They draped themselves on a couple of stools, this lady of splendor, this sub-ordinary youth... and they voiced a craving for hamburger sandwiches. The lady smiled fetchingly at the morsel laid before her... with delicate fingers she lifted the lid of the sandwich... a generous libation of mustard was caused to take its place on the lowly mound of ground bull, et cetera, even as a golden crown. A pair of big blue eyes, fringed with dark lashes, longingly surveyed the culinary scene... rubicund lips twitched expectantly... a perfectly-molded bosom rose and ebbed in sheer ecstasy... nostrils of Heleneic origin quivered as the tempting aroma of this heavenly hodge-podge arose to greet them.

And then came the first bite... a large one, if you please... glistening incisors and molars, and ordinary teeth... faultless as South Sea pearls... bore down on the succulent offering. A sort of peaceful, all-around-with-the-world expression lingered on the fair lamb's "map" as she consumed the hamburger... as she ordered another, and likewise began a brand-new attack. Over his coffee cup the Sketch Man forgot his not-too-many lessons in etiquette... he allowed curious eyes to stare at the feminine diner, to stare and "stick"... and the blonde dream became aware of the boohish action... her cerulean orbs, soft puddles of tenderness, were raised from the platter... they flickered just a trifle as they engaged who he pens this drivel... and she smiled... divinely!

The feast was over... a milady of the hamburgers arose from her three-legged stool... she stood before a mirror and dabbed a fresh coating of powder on her cute little schnozzle... added a touch of carmine to lips already the hue of pigeon's blood... stooped, beguilingly, to adjust a strap which closely hugged a shapely ankle. And, as she and her puny consort fitted away through that portion of the temple which swings on hinges... ah, me!... another honey-coated smile coaxed distracting dimples to the fairest face, surely, on Doctor Dougherty's State College campus!

The senile heart of the Sketch Man bounded within his bosom, turned a couple of somersaults... his hat was dragged to a jaunty angle, a mussie tie was properly adjusted, his serawny chest expanded in he-man fashion... and the words of an old love song trickled from his lips as he sauntered away toward the print shop! SPRING!... season of bluebirds and sap-heads... that's what it was!... glorious Spring!

"GATE TO HAPPINESS" TO BE GIVEN AT ELKLAND SCHOOL

"The Gate to Happiness," a comedy drama in three acts, will be given at Elkland High School on Saturday night, March 30, at 7:30. This play will be presented by the ninth grade. "The Gate to Happiness" is rich in all those qualities that make an audience laugh and cry and sympathize. A small admission fee of 10c and 15c will be charged. The public is cordially invited.

CELEBRATES BIRTHDAY

Mr. John H. Norris celebrated his 86th birthday on Sunday, March 24, with a bountiful birthday dinner at the Norris home in East Boone. Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. Joe Cooke, Dr. and Mrs. R. K. Bingham, Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Norris of Boone; Mrs. Martha Moretz, a sister of Meat Camp, who is 83 years old; Mr. and Mrs. McCoy Moretz; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Norris, of Charlotte.

Mr. Norris, who is one of Watauga's most popular citizens, is enjoying good health, despite his great age.

ORRIN GAITHER PASSES

Orrin Gaither, 38, died at a North Wilkesboro hospital on Tuesday evening of last week, following an illness of two days. Funeral and burial was at Miller's Creek Methodist Church Thursday morning.

Mr. Gaither had many friends in Boone and Watauga, having resided here for several months some years ago, where he was a partner in Harris Brothers' store. A number of local people attended the funeral.

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General Hugh Johnson Swaps Sword for Pen

Former NRA Chieftain Now In Newspaper Work.



NEW YORK.—General Hugh S. Johnson (above), soldier and former NRA chief, has joined the ranks of American newspapermen, to produce a five-hundred-word column, six days a week. He will write on current topics, it is said.

WILL SPECIALIZE IN CERTIFIED TUBERS

Former County Agent Purchases Mountain Acreage for Production Seed Potatoes.

The production of certified seed Irish potatoes in commercial quantities, is the proposal of Mr. O. B. Jones of Hendersonville, who last week closed a deal with S. C. Eggers, local realtor, for 240 acres of land, lying in the "Frog Level" section of the Rich Mountain area.

Mr. Jones, who has been engaged in county agent and agricultural instruction throughout most of his adult life, says he has found that Watauga County is the best place in the State for the growth of seed potatoes, and this condition prompted him to purchase the boundary. Tests, made over a five-year period at State College, says Mr. Jones, indicate that Watauga-grown seed "have the edge" on tubers grown elsewhere.

Mr. Jones expects to plant seventy-five acres this spring and has made arrangements for his plowing to be done by tractor. It is further stated that the yield this year has already been sold.

Doughton Casis Vote for Vinson Bonus Measure

WASHINGTON, D. C. Congressmen R. L. Doughton, of the Ninth North Carolina District, voted for the Vinson bill in the bonus battle in the House of Representatives last week.

The Vinson bill had the support of the American Legion, and was reported favorably to the House Ways and Means Committee, of which body Mr. Doughton is chairman.

Three major bonus bills were voted on by the House: First, the Vinson bill, introduced upon the request of the American Legion and supported by that group of veterans. This bill received the support of the Ways and Means committee and the vote of Mr. Doughton. It calls for the immediate payment of the adjusted-service certificates of the veterans of the World War, to be financed as other obligations of the Government are met. This bill was defeated by a small margin.

The second measure was the Patman bill, calling for the immediate payment of the adjusted-service certificates to World War veterans with "printing press money." This measure was designed primarily to bring about inflation rather than obtain payment of the bonus to assist the veterans, it was charged. President Roosevelt and leaders of the House and Senate have openly expressed opposition to this measure, declaring it would bring financial chaos to this country, should it try to pay its debts with printing press money. This bill passed the House in defiance of the threat of a Presidential veto.

Although opposed to the Patman bill, Mr. Doughton used his influence to bring out a rule to make it possible for it to be considered on the floor of the House.

The third measure was the Tydings-Andrews bill providing for the payment of veterans' adjusted-service certificates in coupon bonds of the United States equal to their present face value with interest at the rate of three per cent per annum, from January 1, 1936, to January, 1945. Mr. Doughton also voted for this measure after the Vinson bill was defeated. It is believed that the Tydings-Andrews bill will form the basis of compromise of the bonus question. Mr. Doughton, as a conferee of the House, will be in a position to use his influence to work out the best possible bill for the veterans.

REVENUE BILL IS PASSED BY THE STATE ASSEMBLY

Senate to Get Money Measure Early This Week. McDonald's Plan Badly Defeated.

LOWER HOUSE DISCUSSES APPROPRIATIONS BILL

Proposal to Abolish Office of Commissioner of Banks Is Defeated. Many New Bills Introduced in Draw-Out Session.

By M. R. DUNNAGAN (Special Correspondent)

RALEIGH, N. C.—The 1935-37 Revenue bill, including the three per cent sales tax and without exemption, passed its first reading and main hurdle in the House of Representatives Friday afternoon, on its second reading at a midnight session the same night, and on its third reading Monday, the speed used being to get it to the Senate early this week for its consideration.

After one of the most hectic legislative weeks in many years the bill, as passed in the House, is in almost the same form in which it was introduced two months ago and in which it was reported out of the joint committee two weeks ago—which means that it has been changed in only a few respects from the bill written and approved by the Advisory Budget Commission and Governor Ehringhaus. It will "almost" or may actually provide revenues needed for the appropriations bill which the House is expected to take up and make short work of this week.

The course of the bill starting in the House the first of last week and to which two sessions daily were devoted, was one of the most unusual legislative phenomena in the State's history. As the week started the McDonald-Lumpkin bloc, seeking to increase corporate taxes and eliminate the sales tax, gained much momentum Tuesday and Wednesday in which days it wrote into the bill in the form of amendments almost all of the McDonald-Lumpkin proposals.

Administration Forces Take Charge Thursday, however, the day started with reversals and at the end of that day the bloc had lost practically every inch of ground it had gained. The bloc had a comfortable majority the first two days, but lost control Thursday and by Friday was in complete rout by the so-called administration forces, headed by Chairman R. Gregg Cherry, of the Finance Committee, who gained full control. Majorities that increase from six to eight per cent the tax on gross revenues of power and utilities companies, telephone companies, and increased insurance, and chain filling station and chain store taxes had to let the increases be removed Thursday and Friday.

The first object was to remove the sales tax, and failing that, to reduce it to two per cent, and failing that, to put back the exemptions on basic food items. The first test Friday was the Douglas of Wake amendment to take out the sales tax and substitute a tax on tobacco and tobacco products. It was voted down, 77 to 33. The Carr of Duplin amendment to reduce the sales tax to two per cent was lost 51 to 43. The Williams of Hyde amendment to exempt about the same food items as are now exempted lost by a 58 to 41 vote. Then the sales tax article of the bill was adopted 55 to 38.

This was all done in the House operating as a committee of the whole. At the end of the voting the committee dissolved and the Revenue Bill was adopted by the House in regular session, the second and third readings, one at the midnight session, so as to pass it on another day, the third Monday, were perfunctory. The fight had ended in the House and the scene shifted to the Senate, while the House takes up this week the Appropriations bill.

Adjournment in Three Weeks Action last week indicates that adjournment may be reached in three weeks, although it will probably take four weeks. Several important matters are yet to be attended to, in addition to the Appropriations bill. The Hill liquor bill, in the Senate Finance Committee for several days, is one of them.

The Senate, while the House was on the Revenue Bill, cleared its calendar in readiness for the Revenue measure. It disposed of several measures last week. It limited hours of work in State institutions to 12, passed the organization of district health departments, and others. The Senate Judiciary 2 committee reported "without prejudice" the five per cent beer bill after a lengthy hearing Friday. Bills to increase salaries of State Treasurer and Commissioners of Insurance, Labor, Agriculture and Utilities were sent back to committee.

Bills to abolish and transfer the Commissioner of Banks to the Utilities Commissioner and limit to two the State bank examiners were unfavorably reported. The automobile license plate cost bill was set for this week in the Senate. The bill to inoculate all dogs against rabies was passed after amendments.

Bills introduced during this session reached 1200, of which 466 had been either ratified or ordered enrolled for ratification Saturday. Last week 20 public bills and resolutions were ratified, and 90 local bills. Public bills of general interest ratified last week are as follows:

Amend law on fees for registering (Continued on Page 5)

Dime Store Romance on Rocks

Heiress to Woolworth Millions Will Divorce Husband, Prince Alexis Mdivani.



NEW YORK.—The dime-store heiress, the former Barbara Hutton of the Woolworth millions, is through with her husband, the Georgian Prince, Alexis Mdivani. At least so she said while making ready to sail alone from England to New York to ask for divorce. They were married two years ago. She says they are parting "the best of friends" and that not a penny will be settled on the Prince. Photo shows Prince and Barbara, shortly after their marriage.

TOWNSEND PLAN TO BE SUBJECT

Explanation of Proposed Old Age Pension System to Be Given at Courthouse April 3.

The old-age pension bill, recently introduced in Congress and known as the Townsend Plan, will be explained to the people of Watauga County at the courthouse Wednesday, April 3rd, at 1 o'clock p. m., the meeting to be in charge of W. B. Fisher of Andrews, N. C., State manager for the old-age retirement proposal.

Mr. Andrews, in making the announcement of the Boone meeting states that thirty-five million voters have already sent in petitions but that more are needed, and all are asked to sign. The bill, as is generally known, provides that the Government pay to all citizens who have reached the age of 60 years, \$200 per month for the remainder of their lives, upon these conditions: that the job held, if any, be given up to the younger unemployed and to spend the entire amount of the pension every thirty days.

141 Students on Honor Roll at Appalachian

The honor roll for Appalachian State Teachers College for the Winter Quarter has just been posted by Prof. J. T. C. Wright, head of the Mathematics Department. To be classed in this group is a distinctive honor at Appalachia. Among other things it requires creditable conduct and average grades from 90 to 100%. One hundred and forty-one students out of an enrollment of 1016 are classed as honor students. They come from forty-six counties and from six states. Watauga's roll is as follows:

Ray Sike, Carmon Stuart, Mrs. Lillian C. Abrams, Ollie Jean Coffey, Homer Eggers, James Farthing, Ralph Hagaman, Roy Greene, Mrs. W. M. Hunt, Mazie Jean Jones, Dale Keller, Mrs. Beulah Lyster, Banner Miller, Winton Rankin, George Sawyer, Karl Sawyer, Virginia South, Helen Stanberry, all of Boone.

Frances Farthing, Valle Crucis; Hal Farthing, Sugar Grove; Mattie Lou Harmon, Vilas; Muriel Hodgson, Meat Camp; Edward Love, Sugar Grove.

Honor Students Named At Bethel High School

A "Who's Who" roster of Bethel High School's ranking students has just been announced by Prof. A. L. Eggers, principal. Here they are, the pupils of the four classes who have made the highest averages in various subjects during the first six months of the term:

English I, Betty O'Neal; English II, Almeta Norris; English III, Kathryn Sherwood; English IV, Adlee Walker. Mathematics I, Elizabeth Kincaid; Mathematics II, Almeta Norris. History I, Betty O'Neal; History II, Edward Clay; History III, Genevieve Sherwood, junior, and Adlee Walker, junior; History IV, Buster Wilson, junior, and Adlee Walker, senior.

French I, Kathryn Sherwood, junior, and Mae Lawrence, sophomore. General Science, Betty O'Neal; Biology, Edward Clay, sophomore, and Hattie Vines, senior; Geography, Kathryn Sherwood, junior, and Adlee Walker, senior. The average daily attendance for the first six months of the term is 83.5 in the high school.

R. F. COFFEY DIES SUNDAY MORNING

Engineer at College Succumbs to Two-Weeks Illness. Funeral Monday Afternoon.

After a two-weeks illness, Robert F. Coffey, 36, prominent Boone citizen and churchman, died at the Baptist Hospital, Winston-Salem, Sunday morning. The immediate cause of his death was given as spinal meningitis.

Funeral services were conducted at the graveside in the local cemetery Monday afternoon by Rev. J. C. Canipe, Baptist minister. The following, representing close associates in religious activities, were honorary pallbearers:

J. F. Greer, J. C. McConnell, A. G. Qualls, Rex Hagaman, S. C. Eggers, Ralph Mast, Morris Eggers, James Farthing, T. M. Dunkley, Cicero Greer, Chappell Wilson, S. M. Ayers, George Greene, Gordon Winkler, Bill Miller, Van Teague, J. T. C. Wright, H. R. Eggers, J. C. Farthing, W. D. Farthing, J. W. Hodges, J. L. Qualls, J. A. Williams, A. L. Cook, Clyde R. Greene, G. P. Hagaman, B. E. Dougherty, Amos W. Abrams, Tracy Council, James Council, B. G. Teams, Vance Culler, Henry Rogers, Ira Pennell, Charles Stevenson, Bernard Dougherty, A. R. Smith and Claude Pyle.

Surviving are the widow and two children, Bobbie and Rachel Coffey. A brother, Mr. J. Coffey, formerly resided here.

Native of Caldwell County

Mr. Coffey was a native of Caldwell County and came to Boone eight years ago to accept the position of building engineer at Appalachian College, which work he was still carrying on at the time of his death. He was a graduate of State College.

Mr. Coffey was an active churchman, and a deacon in the local Baptist Church. He was also assistant Sunday School superintendent, counselor of the Intermediate Sunday School class, and chairman and organizer of the Board of Ushers. He was an exceptionally valuable and popular citizen.

Fifth Sunday Meetings To Be Held March 31st

Using for discussion the twenty-first chapter of Revelations, denominational leaders will meet with each of the Baptist Churches of the county next Sunday in the regular Fifth Sunday meetings. The churches and principal speaker on each program are given:

Beaver Dam—A. J. Greene. Bethel—A. R. Smith. Brushy Fork—Rev. R. E. Hendrix. Blowing Rock—C. T. Zimmerman. Cool Springs—Wade E. Brown. Cove Creek—Rev. A. E. Moretz. Forest Grove—Rev. Roscoe Rivett. Howards Creek—Prof. Roy Dotson. Laurel Springs—J. W. Norris. Mount Calvary—H. R. Eggers. Mount Lebanon—Rev. Carl Trippett. Meat Camp—A. G. Qualls. Mount Gilead—A. I. Greene. Oak Grove—J. A. Williams. Pleasant Grove—J. W. Byers. Rich Mountain—W. M. Thomas. Stony Fork—Clyde R. Greene. Three Forks—W. M. Hunt. Timbered Ridge—Prof. O'Neal. Union—Rev. Winkler. Willowdale—Rev. G. W. Trivett. Willow Valley—W. F. Sherwood. Gap Creek—S. C. Eggers. Poplar Grove—J. T. C. Wright.

ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Greene of Vilas, North Carolina, announce the engagement of their daughter, Maxie Mae, to Mr. Claude C. Edmisten of Valle Crucis, North Carolina, the wedding to take place in July.

Mrs. A. R. Smith and daughter, Ann, returned Tuesday from Charlotte, where they spent a week.

AGRARIANS MEET TO PLAN MODEL FARM PROJECTS

T. V. A. Will Sponsor Ten Demonstration Farms in Watauga This Year.

ASSISTANT FEDERAL AGENT HERE BY FIRST

Meetings Have Been Arranged by Collins for Different Sections of the County. Location of Model Tracts to Be Decided.

The proposal of the Tennessee Valley Authority to sponsor ten demonstration farms in Watauga County this year was the principal point for discussion when the members of the county agricultural board met with County Agent Collins and other farm leaders in the courthouse Saturday, and the communities where these model farm operations would be carried on were selected. At the same time meetings were scheduled for each of these sections, in order that the selection of the tracts to be used could be most effectively made.

Mr. O. F. McCrary, district agent, State College, was present and notified the assemblage that the TVA would have an assistant agricultural agent in the county by the first of April.

Farm Women Invited to Meetings

The farmers of the county have been especially invited by Mr. Collins to bring their wives out to the community meetings and select one farmer from their group to use his farm as a demonstration for that community. At each meeting the agricultural students of the Cove Creek School will give the play, "Farmer Tom," Hard Thomas with his "Aristocrats of Ragtime" will furnish music, some member of the Watauga Chamber of Commerce will make a speech, and the county agent will outline the program of extension work.

Places and dates for the meetings are as follows:

Cove Creek Township and the Tracy section of North Fork Township will meet at the Cove Creek High School at 7:30 p. m. on Monday night, April 1st. The half of Laurel Creek Township adjoining Cove Creek township and the part of Watauga Township in the vicinity of Valle Crucis will also meet at the Cove Creek School on Monday night, April 1st, 8:00 o'clock.

Boone Township, including the Poplar Grove section of Watauga and the Bamboo section of Blue Ridge, will meet at the courthouse in Boone on Tuesday night, April 2nd, 7:30 o'clock. Blowing Rock Township, with that part of Blue Ridge Township lying on top of the mountain, will meet at Blowing Rock High School on Wednesday night, April 3, 7:30.

Blk Township, with the lower part of Blue Ridge Township, will meet at the school house at Triplet on Thursday night, April 4th, at 7:30. Stony Fork Township and the lower part of Meat Camp Township will meet at the Deep Gap School on Friday night, April 5th, 7:30.

Meat Camp, Bald Mountain and lower North Fork Townships will meet at the Green Valley School on Saturday night, April 6th, at 7:30.

Watauga Township at Shulls Mills School on Monday night, April 8th, 7:30 o'clock.

Shawneehaw Township and the western half of Laurel Creek Township will meet at Cool Springs School No. 2 on Tuesday night, April 9th, 7:30 o'clock.

Beaver Dam Township will meet at Bethel High School on Wednesday night, April 10th, at 7:30.

Riley H. Pearson Dies At Home in Wilkesboro

Riley Hampton Pearson, 64 member of a prominent Wilkes County family and a partner in Pearson's Store of this city, died at his home in Wilkesboro Monday after a period of declining health extending over several years.

Mr. Pearson was a son of the late George and Mary Pearson of Boomer. In 1908 he and a brother, W. S. Pearson, established the Pearson Brothers Store, now one of the largest business firms in this section, and remained a heavy stockholder in the enterprise until his death.

Mr. Frank Pearson, manager of the Boone store, is one of the survivors. The widow is living and five other children: Claude Pearson, Purlair; Tatu Pearson, A. L. Pearson and Geo. S. Pearson, of Wilkesboro, and Mrs. Marie Bumgarner of Wilkesboro.

Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon from the Baptist Church at Boomer, and interment was there.

M. E. District Missionary Zone Meeting Held Here

On Thursday, March 28, an all-day missionary zone meeting will be conducted at the Methodist Church in Boone, beginning at 10 o'clock and continuing until three-thirty in the afternoon.

There will be an attractive, inspirational program in which Presiding Elder A. C. Gibbs, some of the attending out-of-town pastors and leading women of the missionary societies of the Mount Airy District, together with some of our local people, will take part. Rev. and Mrs. King, former missionaries to China and Japan, will take part. This is one unit in a series of zone meetings to cover the entire Western North Carolina Conference.