

BOONE SKETCHES

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AND HER NAME WAS MAUD

MAUD, a sorrel mule whose heels have in days gone by bit deeply into the wool of many a South Carolina "blue-gum," is again without a home! Maud, if press accounts are to be relied on, is the kickingest hybrid that ever ambled down a Southern cotton row . . . suspicious, contentious, malicious . . . a mule to be watched, to be feared. Reared on a plantation in the Palmetto State, Maude in early life realized her prowess in the anything but gentle art of destroying with shiny hooves of "childhood" all things that came within range.

THROUGH the seven years of her earthly existence Maud's kicking technique has been developed to a high degree . . . her escapades include great physical injury to a score or more drivers, the tearing-up of harness in wholesale quantities, the wrecking of vehicles too numerous to mention, the demolishing of machinery world without end, the creation of havoc, panic, and what-have-you. A South Carolina chancery, looked on as a sure cure for unruly denizens of the neighboring commonwealth, failed to reform Maude . . . she planted on the walls of that penal institution a multitude of hoof-marks as a lasting memorial to her life of high crime . . . gun-toting guards and hard-boiled stewards and long-term convicts gave her a wide berth . . . and at last she was given freedom to prevent total destruction of State property: to restore the calm that preceded her sentence.

MAUDE was sold to a Gastonia, N. C., livestock dealer . . . in turn she came into the hands of the ERA. Shipped to Watauga County she became the property of little Steve Brown, about the handiest mule Skinner in this end of Tarheelia . . . and Steve was tickled to a rosy hue with the prospect. Her sleek coat and lithe gait bore promise, yea, much promise, of honest toil on Mr. Brown's Brushy Fork farm. Meekly she was led to her new home . . . meekly, righteously, she munched the fodder placed by her admiring master . . . good old Maud!

ALONG in the wee small hours of next morning Steve was awakened from peaceful slumbers, from radiant dreams . . . a squealing, banging, blood-curdling commotion was in full blast at the Brown barnstead. Hastily donning his pantaloons Steve raced to the scene of action . . . and action it was, for Maude, as women-folks say, had kinda lost her temper . . . she had murder in her heart, fire in her eyes, dynamite in her heels . . . she'd definitely decided to raise merry hell, and hell it was. A companionable animal, selected by Steve as a trace-mate for Maude, was receiving the attention of the enraged brute. Cowering in a corner of the box-stall her piteous squeals mingled despairingly with the tumult . . . planks flew as steel-shod hooves cleft them from quaking studs . . . and above the din of this one-sided battle rose the defiant challenge of the primitive Maud . . . a challenge to man, brute or devil . . . "come on with yer cannons and stuff . . . I'm ready fer ye!"

WITH a full-grown shleah in his hand and a thorough understanding of mule-beasts in the back of his head, Steve Brown, small in stature but large in spirit, attacked the problem of disciplining Maud. Potent words, stored back for just such special occasions, flowed from Steve . . . unspeakable denunciations, vitriolic bursts of justified blasphemy, sentences and promises and be-dams were cast scientifically on the night air . . . and the good right arm of the master caused the shleah to raise well after well on Maud's pretty hide. But Steve had met his match . . . Maude can take it, as the expression goes, in large or broken doses . . . an incorrigible female if one ever lived!

SO STEVE gave it up . . . the mule has been returned to district ERA headquarters at North Wilkesboro. Maude's tempestuous career is perhaps continuing in unhabited frenzy down among the foothills, where mubins have a way of finding themselves encased in glass. And Steve is perfectly willing for some Wilkes County farmer to "enjoy" her company, but warns anyone who has to do with Maude that she'll tackle anything from an elephant to a guineapig. And we've got it straight . . . but please don't mention it . . . that Steve Brown, who leans just a little grain in the opposite direction, now knows just exactly why a mule is in a prominent position on the insignia of Democracy.

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HEPBURN AND GARBO GET A LIFT

Lifelike Masks Are Exhibited at Industrial Arts Exposition in New York City. May Be Worn.



NEW YORK.—Doane Powell's exhibition of lifelike masks of noted celebrities at the Industrial Arts Exposition at the Rockefeller Center Forum here, has created considerable favorable comment. The masks can be worn. Among those on display are those of Katherine Hepburn and Greta Garbo, as shown above. On the left, the mask of Hepburn is supported by Grace Moore of Toronto. Garbo, right, is assisted by Kay D'Arcy of Philadelphia.

Clean-Up Period Designated In a Proclamation By Mayor

Mayor W. H. Gragg today calls upon the citizenship to aid in the annual clean-up campaign which extends throughout next week, and believes that full co-operation can make of Boone the nicest little town in North Carolina. The text of the Mayor's proclamation is published:

"To the citizens of the Town of Boone, N.C.—Carolina:

"For the purpose of cleaning up and ridding Boone of trash which has accumulated in back-lots and alleyways during the winter and early spring months, I hereby designate the period beginning May 16th and continuing through May 25th as Annual Clean-up Week."

"During this period the back and front lots of every home and business property in the city of Boone should be put in a clean and sanitary condition. Debris placed in the mouths of alleyways will be collected by trucks employed by the city and property owners are asked to

telephone City Hall when they are ready for this service.

"The Board of Aldermen in meeting last Friday evening determined to wage the present clean-up campaign vigorously, to the end that summer visitors to this beautiful city may be greeted by a spotless and sightly horizon. This work, so far as is humanly possible, will be finished within the designated period, and I am asking that property owners co-operate whole-heartedly with their officials. A clean and sanitary city, as I see it, would serve as a wonderful advertisement for all of us."

"An ordinance written many years ago makes it a violation for pig pens to be built within three hundred feet of a residence in this city. Please see to it that this is carried out. Cows which have been permitted to rove the streets should also be put on pasture. Let's all work together in this effort to make an attractive and inviting city."

"W. H. GRAGG, Mayor."

CHAIN LETTERS HELD VIOLATION

Postoffice Department Sends Out Warning Through Local Office. Mail Increases Here.

That so called "chain letters" are being sent through the mails in violation of the postal laws, is revealed in a bulletin recently received by the local office from the Postoffice Department. The bulletin is signed by W. E. Keiley, acting solicitor, and says:

"The attention of all postmasters is called to the fact that the so-called 'send a dime' chain letter scheme and similar enterprises now being operated through the mails at various points is in violation of the postal lottery and fraud statutes (Section 601 and 2350, P. L. & R. 1932). This information should be communicated to all persons making inquiry as to the legality of the scheme."

Local postal officials state that since the chain letter scheme invaded this territory there has been a considerable increase in the volume of mail handled.

Miller Mill Is Razored By Fire; Loss \$700.00

Fire of undetermined origin completely destroyed the Noah Miller grist mill and building which housed it on the 30th of April, according to belated information reaching Boone. The mill, located on Howard's Creek, across the mountain from Boone, had not long since been remodeled and the mill unit was said to have been practically new. Furniture and other household equipment of a tenant was also destroyed in the blaze. Total loss is estimated at no less than \$700.

GEORGE MCGUIRE

Meager information tells of the death of George McGuire in Lenoir last Monday, and while funeral details are not available, it is understood that the body was returned to the Cove Creek section, this county, for interment. Mr. McGuire was a native Wataugan, but had resided in Caldwell for many years. He leaves a wide relationship in this section.

OSCAR BROWN IS INJURED IN CRASH

Local Young Man Suffers Broken Leg in Auto Accident Near Winston-Salem.

Oscar Brown, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Brown of Boone, is a patient at the Baptist Hospital in Winston-Salem, where he was taken following an automobile accident near that city Saturday evening. One leg is said to have been broken below the knee and minor injuries sustained when the automobile in which he and Vaught Mast were riding left a narrow road and turned over. Mr. Mast suffered no severe injuries.

Information is that young Mr. Brown is getting along all right, and belief is that he will recover rapidly. The automobile which figured in the crash is said to have been practically demolished.

Front Line Sketches



WASHINGTON, D. C.—Frank C. Walker (above), now right-hand man to the President in the spending of the \$4,800,000,000 work relief funds, is a perfect example of the "self-made" man. He is extremely modest. He was born in Pennsylvania, but moved to Montana when quite young, where he was quite successful in law. He moved East in 1925 as head counsel for a theatre group. He was consistently refused political appointments.

ASSEMBLY QUILTS; LIQUOR BILLS ARE PASSED AT CLOSE

Eighteen Counties of East Carolina Join in Gaining Exemption from Dry Laws.

EFFORT MADE TO REVIVE DAY'S "WET" MEASURE

Unusual Condition Brought About as Wetts Push Advantage Saturday. Graham Announces Candidacy. A Resume of New Laws.

By M. R. DUNNAGAN (Special Correspondent)

RALEIGH, N. C.—The 1935 General Assembly adjourned sine die at 12 o'clock, officially, 3 o'clock, Saturday afternoon, actually, after it had shot the Burlington dry law full of holes by exempting 18 counties from its provisions and providing for liquor control boards in such counties if the electors vote for them in elections to be called by the county commissioners.

A last-minute effort to revive the Day liquor control bill at the after-midnight session of the Senate Saturday morning failed, although it looked for a time that the two-thirds required might be rallied, as senator after senator called attention to the crazy-quilt of wet and dry counties and realized that the 18 counties would have legal liquor, from which the State would receive no revenue.

These consistently dry Senators, notably A. Hall Johnston, Buncombe, and Paul Grady, Johnston, led the fight for a reconsideration of the Day bill, but it had received the legislative "clincher" when it was killed, requiring a two-thirds vote to revive it. But for that "clincher" it would have been enacted, as the vote to reconsider was 18 for and 16 against, and dry folks were in effect kicking themselves for what may think was undue action then.

Dry Sentiment Changed

What apparently started as a dry Legislature had so far changed its views, supposedly in accordance with the changed views of their constituents, that the content of beer was raised to five per cent, wine may now be made, transported, shipped or sold in any county of the State, content limited only by its "natural fermentation," and in 18 counties, all but one eastern, if the voters approve by majority vote, liquor can be handled in any way.

New Hanover, with resorts, was the first to break through the bone dry Burlington act, a bill exempting it. Pasquotank followed, the bill passing the House. The Senate added other counties, which action the House approved. On the final day a law was enacted making legal, on vote of the people, liquor in those and these counties: Pitt, Martin, Beaufort, Halifax, Edgecombe, Craven, Warren, Vance, Franklin, Rockingham, Lenoir, Nash, Greene, Wilson and Carteret, and in McNeill's and Mineral Springs Townships, Moore County, in which are located the Southern Pines and Pinehurst resort places.

Efforts were made in new bills passed by the House Saturday to include Chowan, Durham and Lee counties in the exemptions, but they died in the last-minute rush, the Senate deciding to take up nothing new. Senator U. L. Spence failed finally to get over his bill to allow Moore County to manufacture, transport, ship and sell wines and brandies from fruits and berries.

Also, Senator Steele, Iredell, ardent dry, failed to have his county and several others exempted from the State-wide wine law. The Senate passed his bill after a fight, but the House killed it. Others have joined him and his bill would have exempted from the wine law Iredell, Catawba, Cabarrus, Granville, Swain, Graham, and Robeson counties. (Continued on Page 3)

Teague Child Loses Eye from Air Rifle

Junior, six-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Teague of Boone, suffered the loss of an eye last week, when it was struck by a shot from an air rifle, said to have been in the hands of a playmate, Fred Hodges, an older boy. The child was taken to a specialist at Elizabethton, Tenn., following the injury and information given his father indicates that the loss of the eye is inevitable.

PICNIC AT FISH HATCHERY

The employees of Belk-White Company gave a picnic at the Fish Hatchery Friday night, honoring Mr. and Mrs. John Conway and son, John Spencer. The following persons enjoyed the outing: Mr. and Mrs. Brantley Duncan, Miss Grace Gragg, Miss Eva Kirkman, Miss Willie Jean Gragg, Mrs. Joe Kirkman, Mrs. W. L. Trivett, Miss Ruby Trivett, Mrs. I. R. Conway of Lenoir, Dana Cowles, Jack Gragg, Pinkney Johnson, Couz Dotson, Mrs. W. W. Gragg, Mr. and Mrs. Conway and son.

Watauga Under Primary; Board Education Raised; Sheriff's Bill Leets Death

Hoey's Hat in the Ring



Section for Nominations by Districts Meets Success in General Assembly.

BOARD OF EDUCATION IS INCREASED TO 5 MEMBERS

Clyde Perry and R. T. Greer Stated to Fill Out Expanded Educational Body. Bill to Force Increase of Sheriff's Pay Killed.

Watauga County was placed under the General Primary Law, the Board of Education was increased from three to five members, and a Senate bill providing a mandatory increase in the Sheriffs' pay was killed in the closing days of the States' second longest legislative session on record.

The primary law, which does away with the nominating convention in issuing local tickets, was ratified last Friday, having been introduced by Representative Meekins of Caldwell at the request of Democratic officials and party leaders in this country, in the absence of Representative Swift, and because of his illness.

The text of the bill is as follows: "Section 1. That section six thousand and fifty-four of volume three of the Consolidated Statutes be and the same is hereby amended by striking out the word 'Watauga' in line eight of said section, it being the intent and purpose of this act to place Watauga County under the operation of the State-wide primary law.

"Section 2. That all laws and clauses of laws in conflict with this act are hereby repealed.

"Section 3. That this act shall be in full force and effect from and after its ratification."

Education Board Increased

Representative Meekins also introduced a bill in the House Saturday to increase the membership of the Watauga County Board of Education from three to five members. Information is that the bill passed the Senate and was one of the last to be ratified and become a law Saturday afternoon.

Under the terms of the bill, it is understood, former Representative Roby Greer and Clyde Perry, Beaver Dam merchant, are added to the board and will serve with J. B. Horton, Will C. Walker and T. H. Coffey Jr., who have served in this capacity for the past six years and who had already been reappointed.

Sheriff's Bill Killed

Another bill of local interest and which was reported killed in the House on Friday, provided that a raise in the Sheriffs' salary should become a mandatory duty of the Board of County Commissioners. The Sheriff would have received \$150 per month, the usual fees, and a chief deputy would receive \$1,000 a year.

The bill, which was introduced in the Senate by Senator Steele of Iredell and which passed that body, was also designed to repeal Representative Swift's law, which would leave the matter of pay increases up to the County Commissioners, provided the annual stipend should not exceed \$1,800.

The text of the Steele bill is as follows:

"Section 1. That the Sheriff of Watauga County shall receive a salary of one thousand eight hundred dollars per annum, payable in equal monthly installments of one hundred fifty dollars and he shall also receive the usual fees. The chief deputy sheriff shall receive a salary of one thousand dollars per annum, payable in equal monthly installments.

"Section 2. That House Bill six hundred and sixty-eight ratified April fourth one thousand nine hundred and thirty-five and all laws and clauses of laws in conflict with this act are hereby repealed.

"Section 3. That this act shall be in full force and effect from and after its ratification."

MRS. J. M. DAY CONDUCTS EDUCATIONAL MEETING

Mrs. J. M. Day, supervisor of Adult Education, Western District, held an all-day meeting for adult teachers in Watauga on Tuesday, May 14th, at the Demonstration School. The teachers gave some very interesting reports concerning their work.

Mrs. Day is now planning for a commencement to be held in Asheville on June 1st. A national speaker will be present and about three thousand students from the Western District are expected to attend. Three hundred members of Watauga classes are making arrangements to be present for the exercises.

During the entire year eight hundred and thirty-six students have been enrolled in this county, and two hundred and ninety-two out of this number are receiving certificates. Certain standards must be reached before they receive certificates.