

BOONE SKETCHES

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JUST A MEMORY

Life, for some mysterious reason, had lost its savor . . . the springs of hope, subjected to the merciless lava of despair, had ceased to flow . . . the pleasures, disappointments, victories and defeats encountered along the earthly highway became intolerable . . . and Carl Payne, our good friend from early childhood, dropped by the wayside! Of course, his passage right in the heyday of usefulness fetched sorrow, loads of it . . . but consolation offers itself in the beautiful memories which forever will surround the name of this lovable chap . . . memories of his unselfish attitude toward fellow creatures . . . memories of his charitable disposition . . . memories of his affable smile and sincere handclasp . . . memories that will last for many long days of a friend who would stick with his friends through thick and thin! Mere words can scarce express to the bereaved family of Carl Payne what the heart dictates . . . but our sympathy goes out to them all of it.

JUST COULDN'T TAKE IT!

Burl Horton, big, strong, good-natured black boy . . . arranged a rendezvous with death late Tuesday evening . . . he told his friends that "he couldn't take it" . . . the "rocky road to Jerdan" was rocky indeed . . . the tempo of life had waned to the doleful strains of a funeral dirge . . . and Burl Horton used an automatic pistol to sever his connection with terrestrial regions. A high-brown down Newport way had a fast hold on Burl's heartstrings . . . he'd put a lot of faith in this particular gal . . . rosy dreams of a little home and dusky offspring and the security of married life had conjured an equally rosy picture of the future in his mind . . . things looked plenty good! Sunday Burl paid a visit to his "chocolate-drop" . . . she gave him what is commonly known as the "cold-shoulder" . . . and Burl got "smoke in his eyes" . . . the melodious song of the turtle dove died in his ears; in its place came the foreboding croak of a raven. As a salve for the injury he'd received, Burl sought solace in the flowing bowl . . . but it wasn't a bit of use . . . "Crab Orchard" just naturally failed to stop the hurting in his bosom! Tuesday evening he called on a colored barber . . . his whiskers were shaven, his hair was trimmed. Walking to the door of the tenuous establishment the black boy made his great gesture: "I'm going to see my . . ." the door showed an automatic barked . . . and Burl . . . well, Burl isn't hopping bells at the Daniel Boone Hotel any more!

And as they carried him away to the colored cemetery this afternoon, we couldn't help but think of a high-brown down Newport way . . . a high-brown clad in superb raiment . . . white teeth glistening . . . hair coiffed a la' Harlem . . . Burl's gal!

A NEW CHAIN LETTER

Local chain letter fans take notice . . . here's a luscious little proposition, cram-full of "faith, hope and charity" . . . that's destined to knock the old send-a-dime type of missive into a cocked-hat. Just pick a quintet of gullible acquaintances, head the list with another quintet of ambitious relations, and . . .

"In omitting the top name from the list above, send this person one raw oyster, carefully selected and packed in a bushel basket. In turn, as your name reaches the top, on the sixth operation, by mental calculation, you should receive 156,350 oysters. The law of average says that in this amount of oysters there should be one and 19/32 pearls. At the present market value this should bring about \$1,563.51. Is this worth an oyster to you? Explain it to five of your friends who haven't any more sense than you.

"STRING ALONG WITH US AND YOU'LL HAVE A STRING OF BEAUTIFUL PEARLS."

HEALTH CLINIC

A health clinic for children of pre-school age will be held at the Deep Gap School on June 3rd, at 2:30 o'clock. Parents of that section are urged to bring their children to the clinic. Those between the ages of six months and six years are asked to be present.

Among those attending the funeral services for Mr. Carl Payne Wednesday were Mr. and Mrs. Al L. Payne of Nashville, Tenn., Dr. and Mrs. W. B. Graybeal of Marion, Va.

Red clover being grown for hay in Lincoln County appears to be the best that has been produced in the county for some years, report the growers.

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ARABIAN KNIGHTS A LA' QUEENSBURY

Maxie Baer and Jimmy Braddock Train for World Championship Fight in New York on June 13th.



NEW YORK—Either the news-cameraman have bath-towel complexes or else fight-camps are going "Arab," because here are current pictures from the training camps of Champ Max Baer (left), and challenger Jimmy Braddock (right), as they make ready for their open-air championship fight here on June 13th.

PRIMARY RACE IS CHIEF TOPIC ABOUT STATE CAPITAL

Hoey and Graham Bring Spotlight to Play on Race for the Governorship.

FOUNTAIN FAILS TO SCARE BAILEY IN SENATE BATTLE

Number of Candidates for State Offices in Lower Brackets, Liquor Status Remains Unchanged. Other Raleigh News.

By M. R. DUNNAGAN (Special Correspondent)

RALEIGH, N. C.—Now that the Governor's race is fairly well under way, with A. H. Graham, Hillsboro, and Clyde R. Hoey, Shelby, definitely in, and Rep. R. L. Doughton, Laurel Springs, and John Sprunt Hill, Durham, definitely out, North Carolinians are beginning to look with interest on the smaller races. Of course it is probably a more than even shot that Senator-Doctor John T. Burrus, High Point, will be a candidate for Governor on an anti-sales tax platform, and one out of five chance that Dr. Ralph W. McDonald, Forsyth representative, may be the man.

Senator J. W. Bailey is probably not frightened as yet, even though Richard T. Fountain, Rocky Mount, is shaking the bushes against the Senator. It will likely take more than Fountain to cause sleepless nights, although he is getting about. Many still hope that Governor Ehringhaus will enter the race. If he intends to he has given no information of it. Judge M. V. Barnhill, Rocky Mount, is likely to be a candidate if the Governor is not. Legion folks are trying to get Congressman Frank W. Hancock, Oxford, out, and Congressman Lindsay Warren, Washington, Henry Stevens, Warsaw, and John G. Dawson, Kinston, are also mentioned.

For No. 2 place, that of Lieutenant Governor, only one has definitely entered, Paul D. Grady, Johnston County, long-time Senator and president protem of the last Senate. W. L. Lumpkin, Franklin, anti-sales tax leader, and W. P. Horton, Chatham, "dry" clincher for the liquor control act, are giving it thought. Senator Lee A. Gravelly, Rocky Mount, Senator Carl Bailey, Washington County, Senator Harris Newman, New Hanover, former Senator George McNeill, Fayetteville and Senator W. G. Clark of Tarboro, are also listed as having ambitions.

No Other Opposition. Charles M. Johnson, State Treasurer, has no opposition in sight. He wants to move across the hall to the Governor's office after another term. Dan C. Boney, insurance commissioner, has been opposed, but not successfully, and may have discouraged new opposition. William A. Graham, commissioner of agriculture, has so far baffled those who would oust him. Laurie McEachern, Hoke County, is said to be looking toward that place, however. Major A. L. Fletcher, commissioner of labor, may be unopposed for his second term, although there has been intimation that Roy R. Lawrence, head of the State Federation of Labor, and Clarence Mitchell, Raleigh printer and legislator, might enter the race against him.

Secretary of State Stacey W. Wade, for almost 25 years a State official, is in for stormy weather, apparently. Thad A. Eure, Gates native, Hartford legislator, thrice House of Representatives clerk and escheator collector for the State University, is almost certain to oppose him. Strong intimation is heard that a man who would represent the great, heavy-voting Piedmont and western sections, now with only one of the seven constitutional State officers, Clyde A. Erwin, may get into the running for this post.

Durham On the Spot. Baxter Durham, long State Auditor, is also apparently in for opposition. (Continued on page two.)

POPPY SALES SUCCESSFUL

The annual sale of poppies conducted under the auspices of the American Legion Auxiliary, took place Saturday and \$14 worth of the artificial blooms were disposed of on the streets of Boone. Mrs. C. W. Teal, chairman of the sales organization, states that this money will be used in its entirety to aid in child welfare work in the county.

R. F. D. CARRIERS ORGANIZE

Several R. F. D. carriers met at the Daniel Boone Hotel Monday evening with Mr. Jennings of the Wilkes Association and organized the Watauga County unit of the North Carolina Letter Carriers' Association. F. A. Icenhour of Blowing Rock was elected president, and R. Clyde Winebarger of Boone, secretary, treasurer.

The first car of cured sweet potatoes shipped to eastern markets this spring from Catawba County gave rise to an immediate order for another car.

NIFTY POPPY GIRL

Ginger Rogers, Movie Actress, Chosen by V. F. W.



LOS ANGELES.—Ginger Rogers (above) of screen fame, is Hollywood's "1935 Buddy Poppy Girl." She won the right to be because her father, John Logan Rogers, is Commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post at Quenemo, Kansas, and Ginger belongs to the Auxiliary.

NEGRO ENDS LIFE WITH PISTOL BALL

Burl Horton, Grieved Over the Death of White Friend, Commits Suicide.

Burl Horton, respected 25-year-old negro, and an employee of the Daniel Boone Hotel, died Tuesday evening at ten o'clock, a little more than an hour after he had sent a bullet from an automatic pistol crashing through his skull.

Burl, after having secured a shave at a barber shop in the colored section of the town, told the incredulous barber that he expected to take his life, and with the words "I'm going to meet my buddy," strode into the street and fired a bullet point blank into the left side of his head, just above the ear.

The remark made to the barber was in allusion to Mr. Carl Payne, whose death is said to have grieved the dusky friend.

Burl worked for a long period of time at a garage where Mr. Payne was employed, and had held the white man in high esteem. Besides, Burl had been to Newport, Tenn., over the week-end, had been jilted by his girl friend, and had been known to have imbibed rather heavily since.

Funeral services will be conducted Wednesday evening and interment will be in the colored cemetery here.

Besides the parents, June and Betty Horton, several brothers and sisters survive.

JURORS DRAWN FOR JUNE TERM

Judge Finley Expected to Preside at First Mid-Summer Session of the Superior Court.

Judge T. B. Finley of Wilkesboro is expected to preside at the two weeks civil court term to begin in Boone June 10th, and the jurors have been drawn. This is the first court to be held since the legislative act providing three regular terms for this county.

Following are those drawn for jury service. Those named for the first week have been summoned, and if it is seen that the term will continue into the second week, the additional summons will be issued during the week of June 10th.

A. T. Parker, Perry Farthing, Floyd Warren, Clark Greene, R. J. Anderson, E. F. Shore, H. P. Holshouser, C. C. Bowles, James T. Gross, R. A. Taylor, Charles L. Farthing, W. M. Thomas, Paul Tugman, J. P. Cook, Lewis Glenn, David P. Mast, Alex South, C. D. McNeil, I. F. Church, John Luther, I. N. Minton.

Jury for Week of June 17: T. D. Watson, Wade Billings, W. R. Johnson, W. E. Roark, N. C. Greene, Grant Hodges, G. H. Hayes, Sam Atkins, W. K. Wilson, A. A. Perry, G. M. Henson, Virgil Cox, D. C. Mast, Grady Wilson, Alex Tugman, J. D. Wilson, Conley Snyder, Ed Yates, G. W. Robbins, D. S. Love.

COUNTY SINGING

The annual Watauga County Singing Convention will be held next Sunday morning beginning at 9:45 o'clock. The public is given a cordial invitation to attend.

POPULAR BOONE MAN FIRES SHOT INTO OWN HEART

Carl Payne Dies from Self-Inflicted Wounds, Coroner's Jury Finds.

LOVE FAIR THOUGHT TO CAUSE FATAL ACT

Funeral Services Held Wednesday Afternoon, Member of Prominent Family, Mother, Several Brothers and Sisters Survive.

A state of despondency growing out of the frustration of a love affair is believed to have been responsible for the death of Carl Payne, 35-year-old member of a prominent Boone family, whose lifeless body was found at the home of his mother Tuesday morning, a bullet wound through the heart and a .38 calibre revolver lying close by the prostrate form.

The body was found at about seven o'clock, when Dallas Cottrell, a close friend of the deceased, called by the house to start a fishing trip which had been arranged between the two on the previous evening. Dr. H. B. Perry, acting as deputy coroner, held an inquest, the verdict of the jury being that the deceased met his death from gunshot wounds inflicted by his own hand. Medical opinion was that death had ensued seven or eight hours before the body was found.

A few words hastily scrawled on the back of an envelope indicated that disappointment in love had precipitated the self-destruction.

Mr. Payne had been engaged in his usual duties on Monday and in the evening hours mingled with friends about town in his usual cordial manner. However, since his demise associates have recalled slight evidences of a depressed frame of mind. A revolver was borrowed from John K. Brown, a neighbor, on the pretext of taking it on a fishing trip the following day.

Funeral Wednesday

Funeral services are to be conducted this (Wednesday) afternoon from the Baptist Church in Boone by the pastor, Rev. J. C. Canipe, and interment will be in the city cemetery.

Surviving is the mother, Mrs. J. M. Payne, and the following sisters and brothers: Mrs. Sam Acattin, Mrs. P. M. Winkler, Shullis Mills, Mrs. Mary Graybeal, Marion Va.; Mrs. D. L. Wilcox, Boone; Mrs. Loren Harrison, Boone; Rev. W. C. Payne, Blowing Rock; A. C. Payne, Nashville, Tenn.; Edward L. Payne, Boone; and Coleman Payne, West Jefferson.

Was Popular Citizen

Mr. Payne was a son of the late lamented Rev. J. M. Payne and Mrs. Payne, and was born in Watauga County, where he had since resided. He received his education here and for about ten years was engaged in the automobile repair business. For the past few years, however, he has been an employee of the New River Light and Power Company as an assistant electrician. He was a consistent member of the Baptist Church of this city.

Mr. Payne was unusually popular with the people of this section, and the news of his death came as a distinct shock to the community. Possessed of a happy disposition, Carl made friends easily and no more likeable or industrious young man lived in this community. His death is the occasion for deep sorrow.

HEALTH CLINICS ARE IN PROGRESS

Green Valley and Cove Creek Clinics Draw Large Crowds. Schedule Is Announced.

Infant and pre-school clinics were begun in Watauga County Monday by the District Health Department, the first being held at Greene Valley School. A clinic was held at the Cove Creek School Tuesday. Both were largely attended, and a great deal of interest was shown in each community a group of local citizens contributed largely to the success of the clinics by spreading the news, and by assisting the physician and nurse in their work.

The following clinics are scheduled for the next few days: Friday, Blowing Rock; Monday, Deep Gap School; Tuesday, Bethel School. Each will commence at 2 o'clock p. m.

Parents are urged to take advantage of this opportunity to have infants and pre-school children examined and to obtain advice regarding their general care.

The thirty-two North Carolina Guernsey animals sold at Salisbury brought an average price of about \$245 per head.

Federal Housing Administration Representative To Speak Here

Considering the fluctuations of his fortune and the uncertainties that attend his enterprise, the farmer stands out as the most conspicuous example of American faith in himself and in his country," said Miss Cora A. Harris, Field Representative of the Federal Housing Administration, who will speak at a mass meeting in Boone on June 1st, 7:30 p. m., dealing with modernization and new construction and the insured mortgage phase of F. H. A.

Continuing, Miss Harris said, "America still looks to the farmer for its bread and meat and its essential creature comforts. Wealth that he creates in primary and basic to the prosperity of this republic. His economic status in large extent determines the national economic level."

Miss Harris stated that in North Carolina there is a possibility of \$14,608,000 worth of farm work to be done now. A recent survey made in 12 typically agricultural counties in North Carolina, conducted by the State E. R. A., co-operating with the division of home demonstration work under the direction of Miss Helen Estabrook and assisted by David Weaver, of State College, reveal startling figures on rural homes.

Much Repair Work Needed. Forty per cent of these homes need repairs and replacements of wells and spring used as a source of water supply. Water is carried by three-fourths of all families for distances ranging from a few feet to a mile. Conditions show that 50 per cent of the homes might have water by means of an inexpensive pump.

Of 1,624 homes having piped cold water 864 have flush toilets; 136 per cent of all homes have privies and 53 per cent have unimproved privies. Over 65 per cent of the rural homes need painting. Some houses have no means of artificial light. As an example of poorly lighted rural homes, I shall quote this amazing figure, 25,000 out of 28,000 are using kerosene lamps.

The complete tabulations of the 28,000 homes surveyed show 19,657 occupied by white families and 8,548 by (Continued on Page 8)

CHARLES SULLIVAN KILLED IN CRASH

Prominent Baseball Player and Former A. S. T. C. Student Dies Near Maiden, N. C.

Charlie Sullivan, 30, native of the Yadkin Valley and a student for two years at Appalachian State College here, was instantly killed Tuesday afternoon when a car in which he was riding was struck by a Southern Railway train at a grade crossing near Maiden.

Funeral services were held in the Happy Valley Wednesday noon and interment took place in the Sullivan family burying ground.

Surviving is the mother, one brother, Walter Sullivan, of Mississippi, one sister, Mrs. Finley Hawkins, of Columbia, S. C., and a number of nieces.

According to brief information, Mr. Sullivan was en route to South Carolina when the fatal accident occurred. Death came before the injured man reached a Lincolnton hospital.

Mr. Sullivan attended school here around 1924, was prominently identified in college athletics, and was well and favorably known to many Watauga people. For the past number of years he had played professional baseball, and had for three seasons done mound work for the Detroit Tigers, American League champions.

Will Speak Here



Miss Cora A. Harris, Field Representative of the Federal Housing Administration, who will speak on Home Modernization Loans here Saturday evening June 1st, 7:30 o'clock.

THORNTON ATTENDS MEMORIAL SERVICE

Federal Judge Johnson J. Hayes Delivers Inspiring Address to Fifteen Hundred.

Federal Judge Johnson J. Hayes delivered an inspiring address to a gathering of twelve to fifteen hundred Watauga County citizens at Gap Creek Church Sunday, May 25th. The large crowd had gathered in a memorial service for the deceased veterans of all wars, under the sponsorship of Watauga Post 130, American Legion.

Post Commander J. Wilson Norris delivered the address of welcome and presided over the meeting. Rev. W. C. Greene, post chaplain, delivered the invocation, and W. H. Gragg, mayor of Boone, introduced Judge Hayes.

A bountiful picnic lunch was served on the grounds, after which members of the Legion and Auxiliary placed wreaths and American flags on the graves of deceased World War veterans throughout the county.

Front Line Sketches



WASHINGTON, D. C.—Oklahoma's cowboy Congressman, Percy L. Gassaway (above), is having a terrible time trying to make "Publicity Highway." His ten-gallon hat, flowing locks, cowboy boots and range-riider drawl gets him little notice here. Even his "baiting and heckling" of Huey Long and Rev. Coughlin leaves his audience with the conviction that he lacks the words to be a match for either.