

BOONE SKETCHES

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A MIGHTY LONG TIME!

BACK IN JULY, 1906, Don J. Horton, then a very young man, cradled wheat on his father's farm near Vilas. The sun sent down its torrid rays and the reaper sought, for a brief moment of comfort, the cool green gloom of a nearby oak's spreading branches. A terrapin of the ordinary variety... the spotted kind... had also drawn his armor-plate chassiss to a halt 'neath the tree. The youth, for no particular reason perhaps, turned the "snapper" on his back... and graved with a knife on the under shell these initials... "D. J. H. 1906."

TIME PASSED... twelve years, in fact, America was embroiled in the late European unpleasantness... Mr. Horton was just before joining the colors. He labored on a hillside of the Frank Horton farm, a half-mile from the site of the turtle incident. An object moved in the grass... the terrapin, natural as life, walked up and hitched, so to speak. In 1921, seven years later in 1928, and in 1930, Mr. Horton ran across his initial shell-bearer... just plodding along... never seeming to change. Last week Roby Ward met the terrapin a few hundred feet from where he started in 1906... "D. J. H." was still plainly to be seen on the rigid belly of the little animal.

THE TWENTY-NINE YEARS OF war and panic and prosperity and prohibition and gang-warfare and woman suffrage and cross-word puzzles and chain letters had changed his complexion not even a little bit... still a good terrapin, full of vim and vigor, if terrapins are possessed of these qualities... staying right on the job at the Horton farm... idling about in the pasture fields and potato patches... having all that a terrapin craves without half trying... seeking neither fame nor position... watching man grow stooped and gray and drawn and tired as he fights his mad battle for wealth and social position... watching beauty fade from bright cheeks of rural belles as the cares of married life and children and home-making bring their indelible wrinkles... watching countless politicians make countless little political errors and take countless voyages up the dreary waters of "Salt River"... watching girl babies grow into sweet young ladies... watching them "step in the mud" and become human silt in the backwash of life... watching big, fat, chubby baby boys grow into handsome country swains, and seeing them wear the felon's stripes because "they couldn't take it"... watching the whole human family bear the bone-breaking burden of an exacting social system.

GOOD TERRAPIN... to be sure he's a good one... good for plenty and plenty more years in the pasture fields and potato patches of Don Horton's Vilas farm. The white marble mansion with its priceless tapestries and glittering furnishings may be the goal of many a hill-billy... the hope or at least the chance of public preferment may beckon invitingly down the "main stretch"... the lure of gold and diamonds and lovely ladies and racing studs and yachts and purring motors may drag all our neighbors through a hell of uncertainty and trouble and such-like... BUT... there's a terrapin over on the Horton farm that'll be here to enjoy his simple station a helluva lot longer than we... we the worriers, we the ambitious, we the laborers, we the opinionated... we the engravers of initials on terrapin's bellies who'll never live to see them erased!

ALONG THE PRIMROSE PATH

A little fellow and his little girl friend holding hands and smiling, sort of honey-like... Miss Grace Sherwood looking keen as a blackberry briar in riding habit... Vic Abernethy, operator of Boone's "den of... pardon, please... bowling alley, making a sweet young thing laugh spite of everything she can do... Frank Pearson making a nurse-maid of another fellow as he bows a few rounds... Austin South falling ten feet without falling... Joe Luther telling a story of the exploits and exciting moments of a young lady called, yes, that's it... "Little Audrey"... boys in bathing suits riding the rumble seat of a Ford... little girls eating pop-corn and ice cream... collegiate youth swilling beer... and one old lady, good natured lady, full to the gills!

AN ANNOUNCEMENT

Married forty-six years ago today at the home of the bride's parents just east of Boone, Miss Myra H. Shearer and Rev. J. G. Pulliam. The Rev. E. F. Jones performed the ceremony. On behalf of the many friends of this popular couple in Watauga County, the Sketch Man extends heartfelt congratulations and best wishes.

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TOBACCO BARON WEDS SECRETARY

Miss Mary Barnes of New York Becomes the Bride of George Washington Hill in Ceremony Performed in London.



LONDON.—One of America's wealthiest men, George Washington Hill, president of the American Tobacco Company, is shown here with his new bride, the former Mary Barnes of New York, one-time secretary to the magnate, just after the ceremony here.

LEGAL RED TAPE TIES UP PARKWAY

Tar Heel Representatives Confer With Secretary Harold Ickes About Starting Work.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Representatives Doughton and Weaver conferred at length with Secretary Harold Ickes Tuesday concerning an early start on the Parkway between the Great Smoky Mountain National Park and the Shenandoah National Park in Virginia.

Both Congressmen expressed themselves as highly gratified and entirely satisfied by the attitude of Secretary Ickes.

However, Secretary Ickes maintained that he would have to follow the advice of his legal department and hold up the 12-mile link from the Virginia line to Roaring Gap, which was advertised for letting last month, until the rights of way are delivered to him by the State of North Carolina. The State has taken steps to condemn that portion of the right of way which could not be purchased but no information is available here as to when title will be delivered.

The Secretary agreed to hasten the construction on that portion of the Parkway through Federal forest lines already owned by the Government.

The refusal of the Cherokee Tribal Council to agree to the proposed route through the Cherokee Indian Reservation may result in a rerouting of that portion of the Parkway.

Home Coming Day at Local Advent Church

July 28th has been designated as Home Coming Day at the Boone Advent Christian Church, and Dr. F. E. Warman, the pastor, has arranged a special series of sermons for the occasion. The three prophetic messages will be delivered as follows:

Eleven a. m., "The Marriage Supper of the Lamb." What is it? When is it? Where is it? Who is the bride? Who the 144,000? Read Revelations chapters 19, 7 and 14.

Two-thirty p. m., "Was NRA the Mark of the Beast?" Is the U. S. A. the beast or the two-horned beast? What is the mark of the beast and the number of his name, 666? Read Revelations, 13th chapter.

Eight p. m., "Will the Devil Be Bound a Thousand Years?" Will there be a thousand years AFTER Jesus comes in which the Devil will be bound, and during which time people will have another chance to accept Jesus as Saviour? Read Revelations, 20th chapter.

Dr. Warman extends a cordial invitation to the Advent Christian people of Northwestern North Carolina, and all others, to bring their dinners and enjoy this all-day meeting at the Rock Church. Special staging has been arranged, and everybody is welcome.

"Cyclone Mack" Dies At Home in S. Carolina

BENNETTSVILLE, S. C.—Rev. Baxter F. McLendon, 55, famed evangelist, known as "Cyclone Mack," died suddenly at his home here on Monday night at 7:30 o'clock of a heart attack.

He had just returned from Oklahoma City, where he had been conducting a revival meeting. Dr. McLendon was about town Monday talking to his friends on the street, and seemed to be in fine health. His death came as a shock to the community. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Rena Ratliff McLendon, and six children.

ROBERT WALKER IN TOILS OF LAW

Wataugan Accused of Endorsing and Cashing Government Checks, in Jail.

Charged with endorsing several hundred dollars in Government checks and spending the money which they represented, Robert Walker of the Cove Creek section is in jail at North Wilkesboro, where he is to be given a preliminary hearing before a United States Commissioner within the next few days.

Reports indicate that checks of the Agricultural Adjustment Administration, totaling about \$1,500 were mailed to Robert Walker's brother, Superintendent Howard Walker, for distribution to the participating farmers. Howard being absent from home when the checks arrived, the younger brother is alleged to have appropriated the drafts and left on a trip to the Mid-western states.

Superintendent Walker did not know they had arrived and the farmers were wondering why their money did not come. Recently Robert is said to have mailed his brother about \$700 in checks with the notation he had spent the remainder. Returning home last week he surrendered himself to the Sheriff who in turn carried him to North Wilkesboro where he placed himself in the hands of a Deputy Marshal.

Health Department Starts Typhoid Clinics

Dr. Richardson, district health officer, announces the following dates and places for the holding of clinics for administering typhoid vaccine and diphtheria toxoid:

Mondays, July 29, August 5, 12 and 19: Ruthwood, 9 a. m.; Laxon, 10:30 a. m.; Stoney Fork, 1:30 p. m.; Deep Gap, 3 p. m.

Thursdays, July 31, August 7, 14 and 21: Matney, 9 a. m.; Dutch Creek, 10:30 a. m.; Valle Crucis, 1:30 p. m.; Vilas, 3 p. m.; Lovill, 4:30 p. m.

Fridays, August 2, 9, 16 and 23: Poplar Grove, 9 a. m.; Shulls Mills, 10 a. m.; Foscoe, 11 a. m.; Grandfather, 1 p. m.; Clark's Creek, 3 p. m.

A schedule will be announced at a later date for other sections of the county.

The Health Department recommends diphtheria toxoid especially for children between 6 months and 5 years of age, and to this group the toxoid will be administered free of charge. To children who have reached their sixth birthday a charge of ten cents will be made to cover cost of the vaccine. No charge will be made on typhoid to anyone.

The Health Department advises the people of Watauga County to patronize their family doctor as a matter of preference. The clinics are arranged to take care of those who would be unable to go to their family physicians.

Vaccination is one of our best means of controlling typhoid fever, and everyone in these neighborhoods should take advantage of these clinics to secure this protection. Those who care to come to the office in Boone will find one of the doctors or a nurse on duty every Tuesday morning and every Saturday afternoon. Dr. Richardson invites the public to visit the Health Department.

DR. VANCE TO PREACH AT BLOWING ROCK CHURCH

Dr. James I. Vance, noted Presbyterian preacher of Nashville, Tenn., will preach at the Blowing Rock church of his denomination next Sunday morning at the 11 o'clock hour, according to announcement made on Tuesday by Rev. Sexton Buchanan, pastor. The public is given a cordial invitation to hear his sermon.

POTATO BILL HAS PASSED SENATE

Warren Control Plan Is Added to AAA Measure by Vote of Upper House.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Voting down a proposal to exempt States which produce fewer potatoes than they consume from its provisions, the Senate in a chorus of ayes Monday added the Warren potato control plan to the agricultural adjustment administration bill.

Under the plan, which was adopted without change, potatoes would be classified as a basic commodity with the agriculture secretary empowered to establish production and sales quotas for commercial producers.

A tax of 75 cents a hundred pounds would be levied on potatoes sold in excess of allotments to insure compliance, with producers being given tax exempt certificates to the amount of their quotas.

Although the potato plan originated in the House with its introduction early in the session by Representative Warren, Democrat of North Carolina, the Senate vote was the first action on the measure in either House.

Senator Hatch, Democrat of New Mexico, sought to include an amendment to exclude States producing fewer potatoes than they consumed from the control plan.

Senator Bailey, Democrat of North Carolina, who offered the proposed control legislation in the Senate, vigorously objected, contending such an exemption would wreck the whole agriculture control program.

"We in North Carolina did not ask to be exempted from wheat control," he said. "We produce about 6,000,000 bushels, yet consume more than we produce."

Senator King, Democrat of Utah, joined Hatch, asserting he noted with "chagrin" that a "representative of a State has to ask permission to raise enough potatoes to meet their own needs."

Bailey was joined in arguing for the measure by Senator Hale, Republican of Maine, and Senator Pope, Democrat of Idaho.

Hale asserted that Maine, with a third of its potato crop unsold, was getting only 10 or 15 cents a bushel. Asserting the production of potatoes had leaped skyward because of control of other crops, thus depressing prices for this commodity, Bailey declared it was necessary therefore to control the production of potatoes.

He said potatoes produced in all sections of the country had asked for control legislation.

The measure, if enacted, would become effective December 1. A favorable vote among growers would be necessary for continuance from one year to another.

MRS. CLARISSA BARNES

Mrs. Clarissa Barnes, aged widow of the late G. W. Barnes, died at her home on Howard's Creek July 18, after an illness of one week.

Surviving are the following children: Mrs. Henry Greene, Mrs. Ben Greene, Mrs. N. L. Barnes, two sisters, two brothers, fourteen grandchildren and twenty great-grandchildren, with a number of close friends and neighbors to mourn the loss of a dear loving mother, grandmother, friend and neighbor.

Funeral services were conducted from Meat Camp Baptist Church on Sunday at 11 o'clock by the pastor, Rev. W. C. Payne. Burial took place in the nearby cemetery.

Active pallbearers were Jones Barnes, Jud Barnes, John Greene, Gurdy Barnes, Richard Whittington, and Arthur Hartley. Honorary: D. W. Cooke, Charles Hodges, Carl Byers, Wade Byers, Ronda Hodges, Dan Mullis, Gurney Hodges, Wilby Brown, Stuart Brown, Willard Byers and Stuart Barnes.

Flower girls were: Wilma Coose, Opal Byers, Mary Cooke, Mozelle Barnes, Estella Greene, Polly Greene, Ruth Richards, Oia Greene, Verlee Jones, Flossie Moody, Nora Belle Mullis, Iene Jones, Josephine Jones, Ruth Elma Jones, Mrs. Arthur Hartley, Mrs. Jones Barnes and Mrs. Alma Whittington.

PRESIDING ELDER GIBBS TO PREACH AT HENSON'S CHAPEL

Rev. A. C. Gibbs, presiding elder of the Mount Airy District of the Methodist Church, will preach at Henson's Chapel next Sunday, July 28th, at 3 o'clock p. m. The sermon will be followed by the Fourth Quarterly Conference of the Watauga charge, at which time all of the officials of the churches are nominated by the pastor and elected for the ensuing year. All of the stewards, Sunday School superintendents and other official representatives of Henson's Chapel, Salem and Valle Crucis Methodist churches are urgently requested to be present for the meeting. The public is cordially invited to the service.

SOLON PASSES



RUSSELL DEAN SWIFT

BLOWING ROCK YOUTH IS SLAIN

Edward Coffey Dies from Shot Accidentally Fired by Devere Hollars.

A bullet from a .22 rifle, accidentally fired by a first cousin Friday, was responsible for the death of Edward Coffey, 18, popular Blowing Rock youth. The deceased and a cousin, Devere Hollars, had spent Thursday night together, and at about 7:15 Edward laid down the small bore weapon with which he had been playing. Devere picked it up, purposing to return it to its usual position in the corner, in some manner the gun was discharged while in his hands, the bullet entered the forehead of young Coffey, and death was almost instantaneous.

Dr. Mary Warfield conducted an examination and reported the death to the County Coroner as purely accidental. The Hollars lad, being an especially close friend of his cousin, was reported as being almost prostrate with grief.

Young Coffey graduated last spring from the Blowing Rock High School where he was president of his class and stood second in point of scholastic achievement. He was to have entered college next fall. He had been employed by Western Union and later by the Blowing Rock Drug Company, and was a well known and especially popular young man. He was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Coffey of Blowing Rock, and a member of the Blowing Rock Baptist Church, where his funeral was conducted Monday morning at 10 o'clock. Boys and girls of the senior class of Blowing Rock High School acted as pall-bearers and flower girls. Rev. W. R. Davis, Baptist minister, was assisted in the rites by Rev. Sexton Buchanan and Rev. W. D. Ashley.

Besides the bereaved parents, Coffey is survived by two sisters, Miss Mabel Coffey and Mrs. Helen Banner, and two brothers, Howard and Ronda Coffey.

Another Shipment of Pooled Lambs Planned

The next shipment of pooled lambs will be made on August 1st and 2nd from Watauga County, Agent W. E. Collins stated Monday.

Following is a schedule of the time and places at which the lambs will be weighed:

Thursday, August 1: Deep Gap at 8 a. m.; C. D. McNeill's at 9 a. m.; L. H. Hollars at 10 a. m.; Alex Greene's at 11 a. m.; Lee Carender's at 1 p. m.; Claude Shore's at 3 p. m.; W. W. Mast's at 4 p. m.; Hard Mast's at 5 p. m.

Friday, August 2: Reese scales at 7:30 a. m.; Mrs. W. Y. Farthing's scales at 9 a. m.; Ode Wilson's at 10:30 a. m.; R. A. Thomas' at 11 a. m.

Any sheep growers of Watauga may let their lambs go in this shipment, provided they will notify the County Agent by July 30th of the number of lambs they wish shipped.

HARROWING STORY OF SNAKE IS TOLD BY WAYNE FARMER

GOLDSBORO, N. C.—A harrowing experience with a big rattlesnake was related in Goldsboro this week by Frank Pearsall, who lives three miles north of Goldsboro.

He said that recently he was down near Burgaw when he came across the snake. He hooked the lines of a pitchfork over the snake's head, and the snake coiled around Mr. Pearsall's leg and arm. He felt his limbs growing numb and called to a man who was near to help him. The man was afraid and would not come near.

Finally Mr. Pearsall got a string looped around the snake's head and choked him. Then the man came and helped remove the snake's coils from around Mr. Pearsall's leg and arm. The snake was killed.

DEAN SWIFT DIES THURSDAY; RITES ARE HELD FRIDAY

Watauga's Representative in the Legislature Is Victim of Proleged Illness.

PROMINENT TEACHER AND VETERAN OF WORLD WAR

Member of Legislature at Cove Creek High School, Chairman and Young Man of Outstanding Ability. Saw Service in France.

Russell Dean Swift, Watauga County's Representative in the 1935 General Assembly, World War veteran and teacher, died at the home of a sister-in-law, Mrs. Hill Hagaman, on Thursday morning after a long period of failing health. He was forty years old.

Mr. Swift's death was attributed to a complication of organic ailments. An operation for appendicitis performed while Mr. Swift was a member of the Legislature last winter was not believed by physicians to have contributed to his death, but he failed to regain his former strength. Ill health forced him to leave Raleigh before the Legislature had adjourned.

Funeral services were conducted from the Cove Creek Baptist Church Friday afternoon by Rev. Fletcher, who was assisted in the rites by Rev. J. C. Canipe of the Boone Baptist Church, and interment was in the family cemetery in the home neighborhood. Rev. Walter Greene, American Legion chaplain, assisted in the services and burial was by comrades of the World War.

Native of Watauga, Mr. Swift was born in the Cove Creek section, the son of George and Jane Swift, and received his education in the county schools and in what is now the Appalachian State Teachers College. He enlisted for service in the World War in September, 1917, and was discharged in July of 1919. He saw active service on the fields of France and was wounded in the campaign around Bellecourt.

Returning to his native county following the conflict, Mr. Swift began teaching in the schools of Cove Creek and Beaver Dam townships, which work was continued for the most part until death. He was a member of the faculty of the Cove Creek High School and principal of the grammar grades department, and was known as one of the county's most efficient tutors.

In 1934 Mr. Swift was given the Democratic nomination for the Legislature without his solicitation, was elected and served his people with distinction during the hectic days of the lengthy session.

He was a consistent member of the Cove Creek Baptist Church and took deep interest in religious affairs along with problems of State. He was a model citizen and one of the county's most capable young men.

Surviving is the widow, the former Miss Crete Hagaman, and two small children.

AGES OF 105 YEARS ARE SEEN AS NORMAL SPAN

CHICAGO.—By cultivation of the proper mental attitudes, man's life expectancy may increase to 105 years, the Journal of the American Medical Association said last week.

The average life of an animal is five times the number of years required for full skeletal development, the Journal said, and since 21 years is required for that growth in man, 105 years might be set as the approximate normal human life-span. The Journal recommended cultivation of the qualities of equanimity, contentment and optimism.

MRS. GRAHAM IN ENGLAND

Mrs. G. C. Graham, wife of the pastor of the Watauga Circuit of Methodist churches, who in company with her sister-in-law, Mrs. E. C. Burroughs, of Chicago, is spending the summer in England visiting Mrs. Graham's mother and friends in London, will sail on her return voyage to America August 22nd, on the Comand Line S. S. "Georgic." Mrs. Graham left Watauga May 15th and expects to reach her home at Amantha about September 1.

MRS. SARAH MAY DIES

Mrs. Sarah A. May died at her home on Upper Beaver Dams, July 18th, at the age of 85 years. She was the widow of William May, who preceded her to the grave some years ago. She was the mother of thirteen children, eight of whom survive, with 38 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. Funeral services were conducted from Beaver Dam Church where deceased was a faithful member, by Rev. R. C. Eggers, assisted by Rev. Edd Farthing. Mrs. May was a faithful wife and a good mother, and this world was made better by her sojourn here.—Reported.