

BOONE SKETCHES

By J. C. R.

SKETCHED AT RANDOM

Fifteen minutes till press time... the BIG MAN screaming for type... no time to lay the finger on the public pulse... no time to sort out those sweet, trifling, inconsequential bits of gossip... no time to delve into the more serious aspects of life and living... no time for nothing but a few random sketches of Boone's good and gracious population—its lovely girls, its dimpled babies, fat gentlemen, scheming politicians, its Methodists, Baptists, Republicans, Democrats and scalliwags...

There's one old fellow in town that the paric couldn't handle... a 75-year-oldster, native of Pennsylvania, citizen for the past half-century of the world at large... an affable, congenial gentleman who's got plenty of guts... with pleasure, and with the old bald spot exposed to the rays of Sol, we introduce "Dad" Delaney, who can be seen most any time between the hours of 4 a. m. and 8 p. m., peddling tires along the streets of Boone. What's the brand of the "rubber" he sells? ... frankly we don't know! ... that's not the point, anyway... "Dad" Delaney, shipwrecked on a desert isle, would trade beads for cannibal gew-gaws, would cultivate a crop of maize, would build a boat, or wrestle a tiger, or rope a star before he'd lay down and quit. Seventy-three years old... an alleged panic keeping millions away from the lathe and the work-bench and the plow-handles... millions of big strapping Americans in the soup lines and glad of it... untold thousands fooling around "privy-building" projects of the New Deal... moral fibre worn to a frazzle and laziness accompanied by cussedness springing up like weeds amongst the young bucks... but "Dad" Delaney, who never called a doctor or "inhaled" a spoonful of his medicine walks briskly along the street, eyeing the casings on every parked car... politely yet determinedly asking almost every motorist... "How about some rubber for that automobile?" And he sells an occasional tire, and he pockets an occasional dollar, and he has everything he wants, and he's happy as a coon-dog... for "Dad" is still standing on his own legs... legs that are not as strong as they once were... but legs that held up a MAN! And we wonder, in the confusion of this press-time moment, just how many people would be on Federal relief if they were all constructed of the stern material that went into the making of "Dad" Delaney?

George K. Moose, local druggist and member of the city council, expresses the opinion that Frank Roosevelt and Hamilton Fish, though differing somewhat politically, are just about the same sort of guys... "just rich play-boys, philanthropists around, willing to try any sort of a roof experiment!"... and the doctor laughs that sarcastic haw-haw-haw!... Watt Gragg and Billy Cook are building furniture down at the Novelty Shop from native white birch... tables, benches and the finest sort of rocking chairs... rocking chairs for outdoor use that fit the hindmost portions of man in the most soothing sort of fashion... they've got a fine display of them down at the Qualls building... There are lots of singing people in Boone... folks who, like the whip-poor-will, lend their voices to the post-midnight atmosphere with greatest enthusiasm... a group of them stood near a parked Ford down on Main Street... a lady fair shimmied about in high glee, singin' something about "He done me wrong!"... a fattish sort of fellow joined in with "Down By the Old Mill Stream"... a couple of lean guys threw in their vocal wares with "Please Don't Talk About Me When I'm Gone!"... a window in the Caro-Jean Inn was banged upward... a lady yelled "scram," and they scrambled!... A fellow sat dejectedly on the high stool of a local tavern... a fellow with six years of marital bliss behind him... sobs shook his manly form... a friend urged him to make public his great sorrow... "Oh, I do-o-o so-o-o want a little curly-headed baby like Jim's got!"... and Jim didn't know what to say!

There's your column... we'll be seein' to try again some time!

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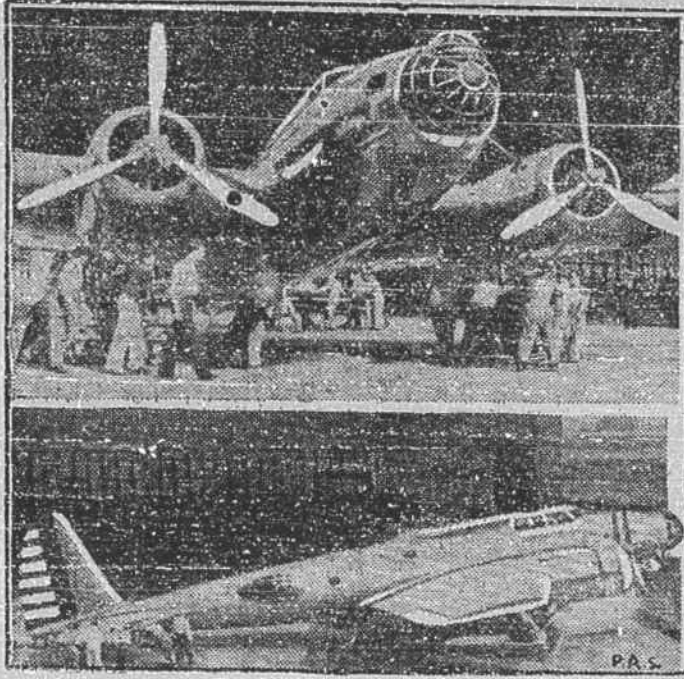
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BOONE, WATAUGA COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA, THURSDAY, AUGUST 1, 1935

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NEW U. S. DREADNAUGHT OF THE SKIES

Navy Prepares to Test Largest Bombing Airplane Ever Built for Service in Uncle Sam's Army.



SEATTLE, WASH.—The largest air bomber ever built in the United States, powered by four 700 h. p. motors with a speed of 200 miles per hour, has been tuned up here for maiden test trials which include a flight over the summit of Mt. Rainier for altitude ability.

BAPTISTS MAKE LARGE DONATIONS

Members of Watauga Churches Send \$2,000 in Canned Goods To Mills Orphanage.

Members of the Baptist Churches in Watauga County contributed almost \$2,000 in canned goods and produce of various kinds to Mills Home during the past year, a survey given in Charly and Children shows. The churches of the Stony Fork Association contributed to the extent of \$168.93, while those of the Three Forks Association sent a value of \$1,765.98 to the Thomasville Orphanage. The child-rearing institution extends deep appreciation to the members of the denomination in Watauga who so freely aided. The names of the churches and the amounts contributed by each follows:

Stony Fork Association: Laurel Fork, \$37.13; Mt. Vernon, \$97.00; Mt. Ephraim, \$28.80; Rock View, \$6.00; total, \$168.93.

Three Forks Association: Antioch, \$4.50; Bethel, \$1.75; Beaver Dam, \$42.00; Brushy Fork, \$80.93; Boone, \$54.60; Cove Creek, \$154.00; Cool Springs, \$7.50; Forest Grove, \$6.00; Gap Creek, \$6.00; Howard's Grove, \$6.00; Laurel Springs, \$58.25; Meat Camp, \$52.97; Middle Fork, \$63.90; Mt. Caivary, \$77.63; Mt. Gilead, \$29; Mt. Lebanon, \$33.25; Oak Grove, \$22.50; Pleasant Grove, \$214.13; Poplar Grove, \$70.75; Proffitt's Grove, \$23.39; Rich Mountain, \$13.20; Shulls Mills, \$69.60; South Fork, \$43.20; Stony Fork, \$117.75; Three Forks, \$33.45; Timbered Ridge, \$79.50; Union, \$50.60; Willowdale, \$36.75; Zionville, \$195.38; Zion Hill, \$45.00; total, \$1,765.98.

DISTRICT HEALTH OFFICER NAMED

Dr. C. H. White of Duplin to Serve Counties of Watauga, Avery and Yancey.

The boards of health of Avery, Watauga and Yancey counties have unanimously elected Dr. C. H. White of Kenansville, Duplin County, as District Health Officer, it was learned Tuesday from Dr. William P. Richardson, State Board of Health representative who has been in the district directing the health department since its organization in April.

Dr. White, in addition to having completed a year's special training in public health at the Harvard School of Public Health in Boston, has served with distinction as health officer in Vance County and, more recently, in Duplin County, and comes with highest endorsement from the State Board of Health. He will assume his duties at once.

In giving this announcement, Dr. Richardson stated that he wished to express his deep appreciation for the splendid co-operation which the physicians, officials and citizens of Watauga have accorded him in his work, and to bespeak their continued co-operation for Dr. White and the members of his staff who will work in the county. "It is only through such co-operation," he stated, "that a public health program can be most effective for the welfare of the people, and the fact that such co-operation is being given by the folks here assures, I think, that Watauga County will derive the largest benefits from the work of our department."

Critcher and Loy Property to Be Sold

Two land auction sales, the first conducted in this community since the depression got under way, are scheduled to be held in Boone next week. On Monday the H. M. Loy property located east of Daniel Boone Park will be offered, and represents some of the best residential lots in the town. On Tuesday the Critcher Hotel property will be offered to the highest bidder, the property having been sub-divided into lots facing on King and Depot streets. This is decidedly the best business frontage in town. The Critcher Hotel building will be sold separately, as will some certain fixtures, say the owners, Messrs. Roby and Grady Greer.

Thomas Brothers of Greensboro are in charge of the sales, and attention is directed to an ad appearing in The Democrat today.

QUADRUPLETS HERE FRIDAY

The famed Keys Quadruplets, of Hollis, Okla., are to appear in the courthouse in Boone on Friday evening at 8 o'clock as has previously been announced, under the sponsorship of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Methodist Church. Considerable interest has attached to the tour of the "quads" and at Shelby the other day 1,800 people attended one of their entertainments. The program will consist of songs, saxophone numbers and readings, and an admission of 15c and 25c will be used for church purposes.

TEACHERS TO GET 20 PER CENT PAY INCREASE IN N. C.

Getting Folks to Work So They Can Support Their Families Is Core of Coan.

WATAUGANS ARE DRIVING 1,050 AUTOS AND TRUCKS

Needs to Park to Park Route Given to Ickes; Privy Program Disapproved. A Concise Review of the News About Raleigh.

By M. R. DUNNAGAN (Special Correspondent)

RALEIGH, N. C.—Teachers in the public schools of the State will get the full 20 per cent increase in salaries next year, in addition to increases from earned increments and advanced certificates for the first seven months and as much as is available for salaries the eighth month, the State School Commission has decided, a decision approved by the State Board of Education.

The commission found that it will not have money enough in the appropriation to make full individual 20 per cent increases for the entire year, due to a larger than usual number of teachers who raised their certificates by work during the summers and also due to the fact that practically all new teachers entering the profession are college graduates and therefore start as grade A teachers, even though without experience.

The shortage of a full 20 per cent increase in addition to increments, will not exceed one per cent of the total by much, and will not exceed \$230,000 on the more than \$16,000,000 going to teacher salaries. Estimates are that if no additional funds are available, the teachers may have to take a 10 to 15 per cent cut on the last month. However, all savings possible are being made on other school items, and some of the big jump increments will be pared down, so no teacher will get more than a 36 per cent increase. This, with possibility of funds from other sources, may result in the full increase for all of the eight months. Average increases will be about 32 per cent.

The commission meets again August 9th to plan for fall school openings.

NEW PAROLE BOARD Governor Ebringhaus called his newly-appointed Board of Paroles together to be sworn in and began activities in his office at 11 o'clock last Wednesday. He will explain the start that has been made in revising the parole system and will seek the approval of the board on action taken. The board has nothing to do with issuing paroles, but merely serves to advise the Governor and Commissioner of Paroles Edwin Gill on parole and pardon policies.

The appointed members are former Judge T. D. Bryson, now of Duke University; former Solicitor L. S. Spruill, Lexington, and R. E. Sentell, Southport, co-author of the act creating the board. Ex-officio members are Highway Chairman Capus Waynick, Attorney General A. F. Sealwell and Mrs. W. T. Bost, commissioner of public welfare.

The office will get complete records of all prisoners from the time they first get into court, and as much before that as possible, for files in the office, so the information will be complete and convenient.

NO "LITTLE HOUSES"

Quite a stir has been caused in this section by the refusal of Philip Whitley, director of the State Works Progress Administration for District No. 3, headquarters in Raleigh, to approve a program of privy construction in the thirteen counties of his district to cost \$1,041,000, of which \$275,000 would be paid for labor, the property owners paying the balance. The program was presented by the State health officials, and programs for four other districts have already been approved and gone to Washington. Whitley said he was "no rubber stamp" when asked to approve the program. "A million dollars for privies!" he exclaimed. "That's outrageous!"

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REPRESENTATIVE OF U. S. CHAMBER COMMERCE HERE

Charles E. Ader, a special representative of the United States Chamber of Commerce with headquarters in Washington, is spending the week at the Daniel Boone Hotel. He is accompanied by Mrs. Ader.

For a number of years Mr. Ader was circulation manager of the Winston-Salem Journal, and during the administration of United States Marshal Watt H. Gragg served as an office deputy. For the past several months he has toured the South compiling data on industrial recovery, and states that conditions are gradually becoming normal.

ODD FELLOWS TO REORGANIZE

Members of the Odd Fellows Lodge will meet at the court house in Boone on Saturday afternoon, August 10th, 2:30 o'clock, for the purpose of organizing a county-wide unit. W. A. Watson, secretary of the Deep Gap Lodge, urges a large attendance.

Optimistic Candidate



A. H. (SANDY) GRAHAM

SANDY GRAHAM IS VISITOR IN CITY

Lieutenant Governor Feels His Chances for Governorship Are Very Good.

Lieutenant Governor A. H. (Sandy) Graham was a visitor in Boone for a few hours Monday, meeting old friends and making preliminary contacts looking to an active campaign for the gubernatorial nomination in the Democratic primaries next summer.

Mr. Graham recently announced his candidacy on a platform calling, among other things, for the elimination of the sales tax, particularly as it applies to the necessities of life; and for a uniform State-wide system of liquor control. He states that reports coming to him from all sections of the State indicate he has a fine chance of occupying the Governor's mansion after the next election. Mr. Graham has been in legislative halls since 1921, and is recognized as somewhat of a governmental authority. He promises to be in Boone again after the first of the year, at which time he will outline the detailed points of his campaign. Hon. Clyde Hoey of Shelby is Mr. Graham's most formidable opponent at this time.

Accompanying Mr. Graham to Boone was Letoy Martin, secretary of the State Board of Equalization.

Employable Relief Cases Must Register for Work

Every employable person now on the rolls of the Emergency Relief Administration, who intends to work under any other government works program, must register at the Federal Re-employment office.

Regardless of the number of persons in a family, each one, who plans to secure jobs on government work projects, must register individually if he is to be considered after the end of the month. There will be no one employed on any project who has not registered, say officials.

This practice is to be carried on throughout the State and will be the means of unemployed people securing work. Each district and each unit in the district is to have its own registering posts.

Employing people under the new method will enable those most desiring to receive first preference on work projects. The number of applications will be scanned carefully and work given people needing it most.

By September 1, it is generally believed that the Works Progress Administration, latest of the Government "alphabets," will be functioning properly and will be employing persons on work projects. It is for this reason that the registration is being carried out in such a systematized fashion.

The local re-employment office is located in the courthouse.

WINS FOOTBALL CONTEST

Bob Davis, local sports authority, has won second place in a State-wide football contest sponsored by The Charlotte Observer, according to an announcement carried in last Sunday's paper.

Mr. Davis selected ten of the eleven members of an all-star gridiron aggregation to play the Chicago Bears next month. A reward for his almost perfect guess came in the form of eight tickets to any games in North Carolina he may choose to attend this fall.

WOODRING—DAVIS

Married on Sunday afternoon at the home of Justice of the Peace Naham Winebarger on Meat Camp, Miss Grace Woodring and Mr. Carl Davis, Justice Winebarger performing the ceremony. Miss Woodring is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Woodring, Mr. Davis a son of Mr. and Mrs. Will Davis. Both are residents of the Meat Camp section where they have a wide circle of friends.

WATAUGA PLACED IN LOWEST WPA CLASS OF WAGES

Sixty Counties Will Receive Minimum Wages in Federal Works Program.

RATE OF PAY TO RANGE FROM \$9 TO \$27 MONTHLY

North Carolina Placed in Lowest Category of Wages of Any State in Nation, Local Conditions Govern Allowances.

Watauga County has been placed in the lowest wage classification set up in the nation by the Works Progress Administration, according to wage scales computed by the State Work Progress Administration.

The rate of pay in this county and in sixty-five others of the State will range from the national minimum of \$19 per month for unskilled labor to \$27 for intermediate labor, \$35 for skilled labor, and \$38 for professional and technical service.

Twenty-seven counties in the State are included in the group for which wages will range from \$22 to \$46; two in the group with a scale from \$25 to \$55, and five in the group with rates from \$27 to \$64. By virtue of the President's order fixing WPA wage scales, North Carolina was placed in region IV—the lowest wage area in the nation. These rates are supposed to provide subsistence wages in the various localities.

\$238 a Year for Labor

Yearly pay accordingly in North Carolina then will range from \$228 for unskilled labor in the lowest group to \$765 for professional technical workers in the highest classification.

The wage rates in the various counties of the State have been determined according to the population of the largest city in each county.

No definite information has been given out as to when the various administrative units of WPA will be set up and the works program instituted, but it is thought likely that an organization may be completed during the month of September.

Dr. J. H. Wolfe Attends Conference in Nashville

Prof. J. H. Wolfe, teacher of history and sociology in A. S. T. C., is attending the conference in Nashville, Tenn., sponsored by the Conference on Education and Race Relations. Twenty-six teachers from eleven states make up the group. They are studying the relations of the various racial groups that make up the American population, particularly that of the South. The conference is held on the campus of George Peabody College for Teachers and will last for approximately five weeks.

Prof. Wolfe was offered a fellowship by the Carnegie Foundation through the recommendation of the Commission on Inter-Racial Co-operation. Upon receipt of the invitation to attend the conference, the administration of A. S. T. C. granted Prof. Wolfe a leave of absence during the second term of the summer school. He will return to Boone about August 23rd.

STATE DENTIST TO SPEND TIME IN WATAUGA COUNTY

Dr. J. F. Pringle, dentist with the State Board of Health, arrived on Monday to begin a month health program for Watauga County school children as a part of the program of the District Health Department. Dr. Pringle is working this week at Stony Fork School. His schedule for the next few weeks will probably be completed for publication next week.

Most of next week will be spent at Elk School, Triplett, for the children of Elk and Lower Elk schools. Parents are urged to see Dr. Pringle on Monday and make an appointment for their children.

Dr. Pringle will examine all school children through the age of twelve years, and will make dental corrections for all those not amply able to pay. The value of this work can hardly be overestimated, since it has been shown that a large number of school failures are due to bad conditions of the mouth and teeth. It is also known that a large number of disease conditions can be traced to the teeth. In addition to the actual correction of defects, Dr. Pringle will instruct the children in the necessity and methods of taking care of the teeth.

LEGION MEETING

The American Legion will meet on Friday evening at the partially constructed hut in Legion Park, and a full attendance of ex-service men is desired on this occasion.

Alfalfa produces the highest quality of hay that can be grown in North Carolina, says livestock experts.