



Raleigh, N. C. — Big strong men still act like spoiled brats . . . and "statesmen", if you please, resort to the off-color artifices of ward politicians . . . and yeomen from the "tall and uncut" cast wistful glances at ripening plums on the tree of patronage . . . and petulant blondes, brunettes and red-heads, armed with powder, paint, dazzling smiles and eyes that do tricks, inject their pretty selves into affairs of state. The "passing show" in North Carolina's capital . . . the bits of spicy gossip heard in hotel lobbies and about the venerable

State House . . . the small happenings that breed page one streamers . . . the personal views of plutocrats and paupers . . . the sparkling interludes in life's tragic drama . . . will be delineated in this column by a country lad from the blue hills. In making his bow after an absence of near two years from public prints, the Sketch Man humbly prays the indulgence of those who follow him.

A BRACER, PLEASE!
Governors have lots of things to worry about . . . so 'tis said. Some have been known to quiet frayed nerves with frequent toddies . . . others polished off rough edges with regular cuts from dark plugs . . . but not so with Cleveland county's current offering. Coca-cola, nothing stronger, is the brew that braces Mr. Clyde Hoey in moments of distress, and folks hereabouts predict that ammonia may have to be added most any time . . . for right in the slimy lap of the Chief Executive an oversize egg was recently deposited by none other than Kerr Scott, North Carolina's Commissioner of Agriculture, who has played merry hell with the "Graham plan" since he assumed control of the farm bureau.

Recently Governor Hoey found it his duty to name an agricultural commission. Being a fine gentleman, the Governor called Mr. Scott to his office and asked for recommendations. Mr. Scott, also a fine gentleman and wanting to oblige his Chief, did that very thing . . . leastwise, that's what the smart boys are telling. With eight seats to be filled, trustful Mr. Hoey expected eight recommendations . . . but no! Mr. Scott was in a generous frame of mind—there were lots of good farmers scattered hither and yon who had borne his banners in the primary wars of 1936. Returning to his sanctuary, the Commissioner allowed his thoughts to stroll backward and communed mentally, as it were, with stalwarts of that legion which swept him to victory. Mr. Scott's heart became as a cream-puff . . . he just couldn't forget those friends!

Mr. Scott took pen in hand (this is the dope that's going the rounds) and addressed His Excellency. A preferred list of eight names . . . just the right number . . . was placed in nomination . . . but as a follow-up came in neat array a roster of seventy-seven farm-Democrats, any or all of which "would be highly acceptable" to the Commissioner. And, as a cheerful afterthought, Mr. Scott said to have written individual notes of much sweetness to the eighty-five potential members . . . notes which let them know that he, the Commissioner, had personally recommended each "hopeful" for a seat on the board.

Governor Hoey's lengthy haircut is said to have bristled just a trifle . . . his tall frame quivered with M. E. South indignation . . . from Farmer Scott had come an egg not of the "ham and" variety! So mix up another round, bartender . . . and, please, add a dash of aqua ammonia to Mr. Hoey's "Candler cocktail!"

WHAT! NO ROADS!
The elderly lady on a southbound Seaboard train gathered about her a flock of listeners near Henderson. In a loud voice she proclaimed her age as sixty-eight . . . her legal residence as California . . . her mission, a "once-over" of Dixie. Being a native daughter of the highly-commercialized Coast State, the traveler, true to form, sang psalms of praise for her sunny homeland . . . and tilted her nose in outright disdain as field and woodland slipped by. "Why, I haven't seen an inch of paved road since we crossed the North Carolina line!" . . . the Californian's words were charged with disgust. A fellow-passenger who'd taken no part in the conversation drawled out an answer "Maybe we ain't got no paved roads, but we've got a new Highway Commission" . . . and he buried his head again in the sports section of a newspaper.

MOVE TO BOONE
Mr. and Mrs. Owen Younce of Concord, have moved to Boone and accepted employment with the Boone Master Cleaners and Laundry. Mr. Younce has had ten years experience in the cleaning business and will have supervision over this part of the plant, while Mrs. Younce will supervise the cleaning of ladies' apparel.

SEASON'S PRIZE TROUT TAKEN BY BOONE MAN



Lionel Ward of Boone, is shown in the snapshot, proudly exhibiting a 23-inch brown trout, which is the largest thus far reported by a local angler this season. The fish was taken by Mr. Ward from the waters of Elk River near Elk Park and weighed something more than three pounds.

WOULD PROMOTE BETTER SCHOOLS

Board of Education Resolves for Higher Standards in Teaching Profession

The Watauga county board of education at its special meeting on May 10, adopted the following resolution to promote better schools and higher teachers for Watauga county:

"Whereas, the program of constructing and repairing old school houses is rapidly progressing, it is deemed necessary that the teachers improve their certificate rating likewise.

"Whereas, a standard teachers college is located in our county, it is believed that any teacher can obtain a degree within a few years without giving up the teaching profession.

"Whereas, the purpose of this resolution is not to disqualify any person now teaching in the Watauga county schools, but that each teacher may keep qualified by improving his or her certificate each year according to this resolution:

Therefore, be it resolved:

"1. That no teacher (white or colored) may be employed to teach in the Watauga county schools after July 1, 1937, having a certificate rating less than an Elementary B.

"2. That no teacher (white or colored) may be employed to teach in the Watauga county schools after July 1, 1938, having a certificate rating less than an Elementary A.

"3. That no teacher (white or colored) may be employed to teach in the Watauga county schools after July 1, 1939, having a certificate rating less than an Elementary B.

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MARKET MEETING ARRANGED HERE

Farmers Will Hear Marketing Specialist From State College Next Tuesday

There will be a truck crop marketing meeting held at the courthouse in Boone on Tuesday morning, May 18, it is announced by County Agent W. B. Collins.

J. W. Johnson, extension marketing specialist of State College, has spent a week in the county making a survey to find out what the farmers think can be done toward establishing a better system of selling the potato, cabbage and other truck crops which are grown in the county. The information Mr. Johnson got in making this survey has been tabulated and will be given to the farmers by Mr. Johnson at the meeting on May 18.

The extension agents working in the county are very much interested in assisting the farmers in working out a better system of selling their truck crops. They are interested only in helping the farmers to work out this problem and they are not interested in trying to work out this problem for the farmers by themselves.

"If the truck crop farmers will come to the marketing meeting on Tuesday and let us know what they want done and the kind of marketing program they are willing to back up and support," says Mr. Collins, "we may be able to work out something which will be beneficial to them when their crops are ready to market.

Every farmer in the county is invited to attend this meeting and it is hoped that a large number of farmers from every section of the county will be at the courthouse at Boone on Tuesday morning, May 18, at 9:30.

COUNTY TEACHERS ARE APPROVED

Most of Teachers for the Next School Term Have Been Selected in County

At a special meeting of the county board of education held Monday, the following teachers which had been selected by the district principals and committees to teach in the public schools of Watauga county for the current year, were approved:

- Boone High School**
E. S. Christenbury, principal; (place vacant), Mrs. Francis T. Christenbury, Mrs. Martha A. Pyatte, Miss Lucille Miller, Mrs. Martha Rivers, Kelly G. Miles, Arthur F. Hamrick, Mrs. Lois B. Brown, Robert Shipley.
- Boone Elementary School**
John T. Howell, Miss Eula Todd, Mrs. Irene Howell, Miss Ella Mae Austin, Miss Clyde Mae Goodman, Miss Nell Trivette, Mrs. Annie S. Clay, Miss Ruth Robinson, Miss Myrtle Brandon, Miss Mary Reed Moore, Miss Helen Fleming.
- Oak Grove School**
Cleve Gross, Mrs. Annie S. Walker (subject to state allotment).
- Howard's Creek**
C. G. Hodges, Miss Maggie E. Moretz (subject to state allotment).
- Rutherford**
Mack Cowles, Miss Pearle J. Cowles.
- Liberty Hill**
Sam G. Austin, Miss Wilmetta Rowe.
- Miller**
Tom Jackson, Mrs. Eulah Carroll Cowles (subject to state allotment).
- Green Valley**
Alex Tugman, principal; Albert Michael, Miss Louisa Lookabill (subject to state allotment), Mrs. Ruby Parsons Church.
- Winebarger**
Olin G. Winebarger, Miss Ola E. Winebarger.
- Rich Mountain**
Not selected.
- Bamboo**
Mrs. Edith F. Estes, Miss Helen E. Edmisten, Miss Ruby Wilson.
- Lower Elk**
Not selected.
- Deep Gap**
Donald C. Thompson, Mrs. Donald C. Thompson, Miss Lucy Greene (subject to state allotment), Miss Edith Parsons.
- Bradshaw**
Miss Ruby Whitesides.
- Fenley**
Mrs. Belle Greer.
- Cook**
Mrs. Reka Shoemaker.
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NEW TOWN BOARD GOES INTO OFFICE

Tatum is Again Treasurer, Moose Clerk; Changes Made in Two Departments

Mayor W. H. Gragg, Aldermen L. T. Tatum, G. K. Moose and A. E. Hodges, were inducted into office following the election last week and at the organization meeting L. T. Tatum was retained as city treasurer, while G. K. Moose will continue to act as town clerk.

Policeman Wiley Day was dropped from the force and Chief Ollis is for the time being patrolling the town single-handed. Whether there will be another addition right away has not been determined. Mrs. Carrie Williams was retained as book-keeper, and Mr. Earl Blackburn was for the time being given the superintendency of the water department, replacing J. L. Storie. No other business of consequence has been transacted by the new administration.

PROCLAMATION BY THE MAYOR

I, W. H. Gragg, mayor of the town of Boone, do hereby designate Thursday, Friday and Saturday of this week, as well as all of next week, as a clean-up period for the town of Boone, during which time it is the purpose of the administration to rid the city of all unsightly and unsanitary deposits about homes, business places and vacant lots.

Beginning Monday, the city trucks will move the rubbish from the town property without cost, the only requirement being that it be placed in some kind of container at a point along the streets where it may be readily loaded.

Due to the expected influx of tourists to this region during the coming months, it is urgently requested that the citizens co-operate to the fullest, in order that the town may be as attractive to our visitors as possible.

Ordinances affecting the sanitary conditions of the town are being published today, and their provisions are to be strictly enforced.

Let us all join in making Boone the cleanest and prettiest town in the mountains.

This May 11, 1937.

W. H. GRAGG,
Mayor Town of Boone.

WINEBARGER REUNION



On April 28, the four surviving children of the late Jacob and Sarah Winebarger, of Meat Camp, met at the home of Mrs. W. F. Lookabill of Boone Route 2. From a family of thirteen children only four survive. They are: Nahum Winebarger, of Meat Camp, age 80; James Winebarger, of Piney Flats, Tenn., age 72; Noah Winebarger, of Meat Camp, age 68, and Mrs. W. F. Lookabill, of Boone Route 2, age 62, the youngest of the thirteen. The names are given in the order as appearing in the photograph.

Dinner was served to the following: Mr. and Mrs. Nahum Winebarger, Jonas and Noah Winebarger, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Lookabill and family.

The family then gathered around the fireside and enjoyed a real old-time family chat. After an hour or more of enjoyment, came

the saddest part of the gathering, when they began to part, all realizing that perhaps it would be their last meeting here on earth. After Mr. and Mrs. Nahum decided to return home, they were taken by Wade Lookabill. Then, Jonas, Nuth, Mr. and Mrs. Lookabill, Louise and Nellie Lookabill went to visit the old grandfather Moretz home place, but the only sign of a home is the old fallen-down chimney. Mr. Gideon Moretz joined the party at his home and accompanied them on to the old home place, and enjoyed a short visit with his friends.

Before returning home, the party went to Todd. After spending the night with his sister, Jonas left on an early bus for home. We hope he will soon be able to return, for his many friends are always glad to see and be with him again.—Reported.

AD. SCHEMES AND LIBRARY TALKED

Chamber Commerce to Appoint Committee to Pass on Publicity; NYA Library Discussed

The Boone Chamber of Commerce in luncheon session at the Shell Cafe Tuesday, voted that the president of the organization appoint a committee to pass on the various advertising schemes presented to the business men by outside and other promoters. Specialty advertising, much of it believed to have little or no value, has been a source of much annoyance and expense to the merchants, and the proposed committee will doubtless prevent much of the canvassing.

Mrs. Clara Simpson, director of the NYA project in the county, appeared before the chamber in the interest of a NYA library for Boone. Mrs. Simpson explained that her organization would gather sufficient books, papers and magazines for the start of the library, if the city would furnish the space for the project. The chamber voted complete co-operation with Mrs. Simpson, in her undertaking, which would employ a full-time librarian and four part-time student helpers.

Twenty-eight were present at the meeting.

TWO MORE MEETINGS FOR WPA SUPERVISORS

The meetings which have been conducted here for several weeks for the purpose of training and instructing WPA foremen in their duties are to be held Thursday of this week and again at the same time next week, thus concluding the series.

The meetings are held in the local WPA quarters from 10 a. m. to 3 p. m., and are in charge of Mr. T. H. Tice of the district office at Winston-Salem. Mr. Tice's excellent manner of instructing the supervisors has been the occasion for much favorable comment and the training received by the foremen is of inestimable value, say local WPA attaches.

ADULT CLASSES STAGE EXHIBIT

Dr. Dougherty and Hon. Walter Murphy Speak to Adult Students and Tutors

Students, teachers, supervisors and friends of the WPA adult educational program met on the campus of Appalachian State Teachers College last Friday to hold the third district dramatized exhibit. Represented were people from fourteen counties, including seven project supervisors, 33 teachers and 3,444 adult students. Under the capable supervision of Mrs. Dora Penn, Watauga county had eight teachers and many of the 374 pupils.

The forenoon was given over to a program of speeches and songs under the general direction of Mrs. Marion (Continued on Page 4)

TONSIL CLINIC TO BE HELD IN JUNE

Those Desiring to Attend Clinic Should Register at Local Health Office

By DR. ROBT. R. KING.
Tonsil clinics will be held for the children of Watauga county again this year in the month of July, beginning on the sixth. For those planning to take advantage of this opportunity, it is very important to make your plans as soon as possible, and register at the health office so that the clinic can be properly arranged for. The above clinics will be held in Boone as has been customary in the past.

Should there be sufficient demand for a clinic, one will be held on June 8th in the Mission school at Valle Crucis.

Tonsils are often the cause of ill health, rheumatism, infected heart, and similar conditions, and while their removal is by no means a "cure-all", still a chronic infection is always a potential danger, and the accompanying adenoids are only too often the cause of malformation of physical bones and constant disfigurement of features, and more important still, they are a leading factor in the development of deafness. For these reasons it is advisable to follow your physician's advice when he recommends their removal.

DEMAND FOR COTTAGES HITS RECORD IN BOONE

The demand for cottages, rooms and apartments in Boone an environment, is the heaviest ever known, according to Mr. S. C. Eggers, local realtor, who is daily receiving inquiries from prospective visitors as to local housing facilities.

Mr. Eggers states that if those having spare rooms, apartments or cottages, will list them with him, he will be glad to aid in renting the space. He also finds a good demand for small farms in this region.

GREENE TO RECEIVE FUNDS FOR CEMETERY

Mr. R. M. Greene, who has been in charge of the upkeep of the city cemetery for some time, will receive donations from all those who are interested in its beautification. Persons who have plots in the burying ground and any others interested are asked to contribute to the fund. An especial effort is being made at this time to further beautify the grounds.

CLEAN - UP PERIOD IS ANNOUNCED FOR CITY; LAW QUOTED

Mayor and Aldermen Anxious for City to Present Improved Appearance and Say Laws Are to Be Enforced as to Sanitary Conditions

Mayor Gragg today issues the annual call for a city clean-up period which will begin today and continue throughout next week. As usual, city trucks will carry away the refuse from homesites, business buildings and vacant lots, and the aldermen join with the mayor in the desire to have the city thoroughly cleaned up before the opening of summer school and the simultaneous influx of tourists to this section.

Considerable complaint is reaching the city hall on account of hog-raising in the community, and an ordinance is cited which specifically forbids the keeping of swine within 300 feet of any business place or residence. Ordinances against dumping rubbish of various kinds will be enforced, Mayor Gragg says, and are given below for the benefit of the public.

Ordinance Against Dumping Rubbish

1. It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to dump rubbish or waste matter back of any of the buildings on King (Main) street or upon any vacant lot on any of the streets of the general public. This shall include old cars and trucks and parts thereof, old lumber, papers, cans, etc., and all things considered worn out and useless or as trash and rubbish.

2. It is further ordered that all persons shall place trash and rubbish in suitable containers and within easy access of street or alleyway so that the rubbish may be easily loaded upon vehicles for the purpose of disposal.

3. Any person violating this ordinance shall be fined not more than \$25.00 and not less than \$5.00 in the discretion of the mayor.

4. This ordinance shall go into full force and effect ten days after the passing and ratification thereof.

AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE AGAINST DUMPING RUBBISH AS OF MAY 31, 1935.

To define the term "Suitable Container":

1. A suitable container for perishable products such as: cabbage leaves, lettuce leaves, vegetable tops, spoiled meats, discarded foods either cooked or raw, dead chickens or other produce, or any other products that may become a feeder for flies shall be placed in a metal container with a tight fitting lid.

2. Rubbish, such as waste paper, paper cartons, shipping cases and other dry rubbish may be placed in an open box or wooden or metal barrel, but in no case shall this type of rubbish be thrown on the ground where the wind can scatter it over the ground.

This amendment passed July 17, 1936.

MRS. MOODY RITES ARE HELD MONDAY

Popular Lady of Sherwood Succumbed to Sudden Illness; Funeral at Cove Creek

Mrs. Lawrence E. Moody, about 60 years old, popular resident of the Sherwood neighborhood, died at her home Sunday night from a sudden illness with which she was afflicted on Saturday, having never rallied from the attack. A hemorrhage of the brain was believed to have been the cause of her death.

Funeral services were conducted from the Cove Creek Baptist church Monday afternoon by the pastor, Rev. Mr. Fletcher, who was assisted in the rites by Rev. Paul Townsend, Boone Methodist minister. Interment was in the Cove Creek cemetery.

A large crowd of friends gathered for the obsequies and the floral offering was impressive.

Active pallbearers were: Vaught Mast, John Horton, David Mast, Sam Horton, Odus Wilson and Oscar Phillips.

Surviving are the bereaved husband, three sons and two daughters: Coy and Hardy Moody, Cleveland, Ohio; Perry Moody, Sherwood; Mrs. Will Wilson, Cleveland, Ohio; Mrs. James Horton, Boone. Two sisters also survive: Mesdames Lillie Greene and Bell Glass, of Lenoir.

Mrs. Moody, who was reared in Watauga county, was a Christian lady, a devoted mother and a kind and generous neighbor, loved by all her acquaintances. She was a member of the Cove Creek Baptist church, engaged herself actively in religious work, and contributed much to the well-being of her community and county.

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