

SKETCHES from LIFE

by JIM

Raleigh.—During the Ehringhaus reign Captain Farmer's highway patrol formed many an escort for His Excellency's frequent trips about the State. With motors roaring, sirens screaming, sidlearms glistering . . . the debonaire constabulary lent an air of pageantry to each gubernatorial junket. But Governor Clyde Hoy has simpler tastes . . . he prefers the walks of ordinary men . . . he delights in their companionship along the streets, in hotel lobbies and at drug-store soda-bars . . . a most democratic Democrat he is.

Some time back the new Governor was invited to a nearby city for an evening address. Captain Farmer, believing that Ehringhaus custom had carried over into the Hoy administration, assigned a trio of his pistol boys to accompany the executive limousine . . . and they carried out instructions to the letter. The "last ride," it might have been termed . . . for Mr. Hoy didn't like it.

Captain Farmer was courteously informed that he (the Governor) had been traveling the highways and byways of the State for more than forty years . . . that he'd become reasonably familiar with the road system . . . that he could find his way around without the use of "guides." So, henceforward, Governor Hoy will unobtrusively tour his commonwealth . . . with nothing to identify his position but the "No. 1" license plate on his car. And Captain Farmer will seek to find other uses for his patrolmen!

GARDNER'S DILEMMA
Ernest A. Gardner, Cleveland county's representative in the 1937 Assembly, and "man Friday" to Governor Hoy throughout the sessions, is still on the anxious bench. Loyal to the last rap of the gavel was this Sheiby law-giver . . . and surely there's none more deserving of political dessert than he . . . everyone's agreed on that point, including the Chief himself. But, where to place him . . . ah, that's the problem! A little too green in jurisprudence, perhaps, for a seat on the Supreme court; a little too obscure for one of the recently-dispersed chairmanships . . . but, much too faithful to be overlooked is Mr. Gardner! Going the rounds is a funny tale which, if true, explains his predicament.

And this is the story: Once upon a time the Governor of North Carolina found it his unpleasant duty to name a chairman of the Highway Commission. Mr. Capus Wayne, who had served in that capacity since the fall of '34, was most anxious to succeed himself, had, in fact, raked together considerable support which included some of the state's leading newsmen. Mr. Wayne, incidentally, led friends to believe that if denied his pet chairmanship he'd accept no other post in the State's administration . . . and acted pretty cocky about it, too!

Governor Hoy was not anxious, the story continues, to incur the displeasure of the press . . . no, indeed . . . but in certain quarters Wayne's popularity had "wayned" almost to the point of non-existence . . . he just had to be given the "pink slip." As a sort of balm to soothe abrasions suffered by the High Point man in being "asked out," kindly Mr. Hoy proffered a \$6,000-per-year plum . . . that of Purchase and Contract . . . feeling pretty sure it would be greeted by a gruff "no soap!" And then, the Governor mused, a deft shuffle of the deck would shift Dewey Dorssett to the purchase job . . . would leave the Industrial Commission chairmanship unguarded . . . an ideal spot for earnest Ernest Gardner. A pretty plan, indeed!

But there was a joker in the deck . . . the joker was Capus Wayne! A little sore was he, no doubt . . . for he'd basked in the pleasant, 'tho uncertain' glow of political preferment for nigh on to four years . . . had learned to love it. He could return, as dappers had predicted, to the field of journalism . . . certainly he wields a facile pen . . . but where, oh, where was the newspaper desk that would yield a salary of six thousand per? . . . where in the realm of the Fourth Estate could he find self-satisfying authority which he'd enjoyed as chairman of the road body . . . which he could continue if he accepted the proffered appointment? He couldn't think where . . . so he called on Mr. Hoy, let the Governor "urge" him, as the paper stated . . . and all of a sudden made up his mind . . . to become director of the Division of Purchase and Contract!

Mr. Wayne has again donned the purple of North Carolina's Democratic royalty . . . again he's on the big boy horse. And up at Shelby is Ernest Gardner . . . waiting, watching, wondering what?

NEW HONORS FOR THE MAJOR
Major J. Hampton Rich, exponent of pioneer lore and marker of D. (Continued on Page Two)

Back From Tour



New York.—Dr. John R. Mott, religious leader and president of World Alliance of Young Men's Christian Association, returns from a survey tour of Europe, India and the Near East in the cause of World Christianity.

JURORS DRAWN FOR JUNE TERM

Judge Cowper to Preside at Civil Term of Watauga Superior Court on June 7

The regular June Term of Watauga superior court will convene on Monday, June 7, with Judge G. V. Cowper, of Kinston, presiding. The court which is scheduled for a two weeks sitting, will try civil cases only, and there are 47 suits docketed. Following are the names of those who have been drawn for jury service:

First Week
W. S. Miller, Bald Mountain; A. E. Trivett, E. P. Vines, Lewis Norris, Beaver Dam; D. P. Coffey, G. C. Robbins, Blowing Rock; Sandy Shore, Blue Ridge; Geo. Austin, Charles Houck, Chas. C. Rogers, C. G. Brown, Boone; Ed Henson, W. H. Harbin, M. L. Warren, J. B. Mast, Cove Creek; J. P. Cook, Elk; A. C. Mast, Henry Haganan, Laurel Creek; M. H. Norris, Meat Camp; Alex. Ellison, North Fork; Russell Farthing, Shawneehaw; I. P. Church, Stony Fork; Hard Thomas, J. B. Coje, Watauga.

Second Week
O. G. Winebarger, Meat Cadp; J. F. Sherrill, Boone; Clyde Perry, Beaver Dam; J. E. Maliba, Watauga; W. L. Austin, Blowing Rock; S. T. Icehour, Blowing Rock; W. T. Baird, Watauga; F. R. Critcher, Blue Ridge; C. E. Carroll, Boone; Rufus N. Ward, Laurel Creek; S. S. Gragg, Boone; Lonnie Greene, Watauga; H. Neal Blair, Boone; R. L. Wallace, North Fork; P. G. Carroll, Elk; W. D. Lookbill, Stony Fork; R. P. Vannoy, Bald Mountain; T. L. Wilson, Cove Creek.

MRS. MILLER DIES AT ADVANCED AGE

Cove Creek Resident Was Ill for Five Weeks; Services Conducted at Banner Elk

Mrs. Mary Miller, 80 years old, member of one of the pioneer families of northwest North Carolina, died at the home of a son, James Miller, at Sherwood, last Thursday, from an illness with a heart ailment which had its beginning five weeks ago.

Funeral services were conducted from the Presbyterian church at Banner Elk Friday by Rev. Mr. Fletcher, of Hensons Chapel Methodist church, who was assisted in the obsequies by Rev. Mr. Parker of Cove Creek Baptist church. Interment was in the Banner cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Sam F. Horton, Chauncey Moody, R. N. Brooks, Ralph Harmon, Tom Moody and Andy Greer.

Mrs. Miller was born in Banner Elk, the daughter of Marcum and Elizabeth Banner, and was one of the oldest survivors of the family from which the community derived its name. She was married in 1889 to John A. Miller, and after spending a short time in the vicinity of Banner Elk, they moved to the state of Washington, where Mr. Miller died 22 years ago. She made her home in the west for 25 years, residing here with her son for the past 20 years. She was a member of the Baptist church, was consistent in her beliefs and took a particular interest in Sunday school work. She was well known throughout this entire section, particularly by the older residents, and was held in highest regard.

New Police Chief At Blowing Rock

Fred Hatley, former candidate for sheriff, has been named police chief of the town of Blowing Rock, succeeding Eugene Story who has handled law enforcement problems in the resort community for the past seventeen years.

The recently elected town board also supplanted Robert Green as water master, giving the position to Zverett T. Pitts.

POPPY DAY WILL BE OBSERVED 29TH

Mrs. Ward Announces Annual Event; Proceeds to Be Used for Relief Needy Families

Poppy Day will be observed in Boone this year on Saturday, May 29th. The day when once each year we of America pay tribute to those who gave their lives in America's service during the World War, by wearing their memorial flower—the Poppy.

The Poppy comes to us from the battle fields of France and Belgium where war obliterated all touches of beauty except its brave red blooms. There it was nature's tribute to the heroic dead.

The flowers offered for sale on Poppy Day are not, of course, natural flowers. Their petals are only paper and their stems wire, yet into them have been breathed the spirit of patriotic sacrifice as they bloomed under the hands of the disabled veteran and his family.

The money which is dropped into the box in exchange for your flower goes entirely to the welfare activities of the Watauga unit and post for the relief of needy families here in Boone.

The women who distribute the poppies, unlike the disabled veteran and his family who make them, receive nothing for their efforts, only the satisfaction of having helped brighten the memory of the dead and of having contributed to the welfare of the living.

Understanding the meaning of the poppy and the use to which the poppy funds are put, can anyone be deaf to the appeal of Poppy Day? Can anyone fail to greet the auxiliary workers with a smile, fail to put on the poppy of remembrance for the dead and show that we remember the living by contributing as liberally as our means will permit? I am sure there are few in Boone in whom remembrance, gratitude and patriotism burns so low. I am sure that the poppy will be on everyone's coat on Poppy Day.

District Club Meet At Banner Elk May 21

Mrs. Harold Fowler, of Statesville, will preside at the annual meeting of the third district Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs which will meet at Lees McRae College, Banner Elk, Friday, May 21.

Home demonstration clubwomen from Iredell, Catawba, Avery, Alexander, Caldwell and Watauga counties will be in attendance at this meeting, and in addition to the club members it is expected that their husbands and many others interested in the work, will be present.

Mrs. A. C. Kinery of the North Carolina extension service at Raleigh, will speak on "The Value of Proper Diet in Building a Healthy Body."

Other guests who will greet the clubwomen at the federation gathering are Miss Ruth Current, state home demonstration agent; Miss Arrant, Northwestern district agent; Mrs. Esther Willis South, western district agent.

Webster Speaks to Lions on Sanitation

Mr. H. S. Webster, of the district health office, was the principal speaker to the Lions club at a session held at the Daniel Boone hotel Tuesday evening, and emphasized the importance of strict community sanitation.

Mr. Webster, in speaking of the municipal water supply, urged the flushing under pressure of the city reservoir, to relieve the tannic acid condition caused by the presence of timber, and discussed sewage disposal, particularly in reference to certain families using the small streams in town. Privies came in for discussion while the gathering and dumping of garbage in approved fashion was mentioned.

Mr. Webster referred to the regulations governing the keeping of cows and hogs in town, and stated that the milk supply had been vastly improved recently, there being two dairies which are coming up to sanitary regulations.

Spanish War Vets To Meet at Picnic

The Spanish War veterans of Wilkesboro Camp No. 13, will gather at the Ruthwood Fish Hatchery Sunday, May 30, for a memorial day service and the annual picnic dinner. Rev. J. A. Yount, Boone Lutheran minister, will deliver the sermon of the occasion, dinner will be served on the grounds, and others will speak to the assemblage.

Mr. Albert Watson, commander of the Wilkesboro post, in making the announcement, urges the attendance of World War veterans, Civil War soldiers and all others who would like to take part in the occasion. All are asked to bring baskets of dinner.

About 35 Spanish War veterans are expected to be present.

6,000,000 Buddy Poppies Ready



Lyons, N. Y.—Ex-service men in the Veterans' HoSpital here are making Buddy Poppies for the annual memorial week's sale. Entire proceeds of the sale are devoted to relief work, which includes an allotment for the National Home for Widows and Orphans of Ex-Service Men at Eaton Rapids, Michigan.

DR. TRIVETT IS TAKEN BY DEATH

Washington Dentist Was Native of Boone; Funeral Services Are Held Tuesday

Dr. Arthur M. Trivett, 65, native Boone citizen, but for many years a practicing dentist in Washington, D. C., died in Emergency hospital in the capital city Sunday, following a two weeks' illness.

Dr. Trivett was born near Boone, the son of the late Elijah and Mrs. Trivett, and was graduated from the Columbian Dental college in Washington, which is now a unit of George Washington University, and began to practice there in 1906.

Active in the Masonic fraternity, Dr. Trivett was a member and past master of Joppa Lodge of Masons, a past patron of Joppa chapter, Order of the Eastern Star and member of Brightwood Commandery, Knight Templar. He also had been active in church work and was a member of the board of trustees of Petworth Methodist Episcopal church. He was widely popular in his home section, where he visited infrequently, and where he had a wide circle of friends and acquaintances.

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Carrie E. Trivett; three brothers, David N. Trivett, Beaver Dam, Va.; L. M. Trivett, Vilas, N. C.; Calvin Trivett, Vilas, and three sisters, Mrs. R. A. Brown of Boone; Mrs. Alice Hayes, Vilas, and Mrs. Mary Hodges, also of Watauga county.

Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon from the late residence at 808 Aspen street, Washington, and interment was in the Cedar Hill cemetery.

Doughton Would Continue Parkway

The house reached the Blue Ridge parkway appropriation in the annual interior department supply bill late Monday, but suspended further consideration of the bill until today (Wednesday).

Representative Robert L. Doughton is to offer his amendment to restore the parkway appropriation from the committee figure of \$2,500,000 to the \$5,000,000 recommended by the budget bureau.

Doughton said he wished to make sure that there would be no lack of funds to continue construction of the scenic highway between the Shenandoah national park in Virginia and the Great Smoky Mountains national park in North Carolina.

BLUE RIDGE PARKWAY WORK FORCE EXPANDS

North Wilkesboro, May 17.—Payroll for the five sections of the Blue Ridge parkway now under construction in Alleghany, Ashe Wilkes and Watauga counties totals over \$40,000 per month, it was learned here today from authoritative sources.

While weather conditions are favorable the contractors are pushing the work as rapidly as possible and on some sections are working two shifts daily in order to complete projects this summer if possible.

James M. Anderson, head of the district employment office here, said today that the contractors are now able to use all available labor fitted for the work and there is a shortage of common labor, especially for rock quarry work.

GOVERNOR'S BROTHER STRICKEN AT SHELBY

Shelby, May 17.—S. Ernest Hoy, 67, only brother of Governor Clyde R. Hoy, who died of heart ailment today, will be buried tomorrow after funeral service at the Central Methodist church.

Hoy was plant foreman and secretary of the Shelby Star Publishing company and was a founder of the firm. His wife and six children survive.

OPPORTUNITY IN C. M. T. C. CAMPS

W. H. Walker Has Application Blanks For Interested Youths in County

The Citizens' Military Training camp will be conducted this year at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, from August 3rd to September 1st. Attendance at these camps is open to all young men between the ages of 17 and 24 years who are physically fit and of good moral character. The government pays the expenses of those attending, consisting of transportation to and from camp, uniforms, food, shelter, medical attendance and all other necessary expenses. Soon after arrival at camp, the accepted applicant is reimbursed for the expense of his journey to camp at the rate of 5 cents per mile for the distance from his home to Fort Bragg; shortly before the end of camp, the accepted applicant is advanced the funds for his return journey home from Fort Bragg at the rate of 5 cents per mile. Those attending camp do not draw any pay for the time they are at the camp but, as stated above, all necessary things are furnished them without charge—food, clothing, shelter, laundry, medical attendance and so forth.

The Citizens' Military Training camps are conducted by the war department under the national defense act. The object of these camps is to bring together young men of high type from all sections of the country on a common basis of equality and under the most favorable conditions of outdoor life; to stimulate and promote citizenship, patriotism and Americanism; and, through expert physical training, athletic coaching and military training, to benefit the young men individually and bring them to realize their obligations to their country.

The influences at the camp are entirely wholesome. Religious services are conducted on Sundays by chaplains designated for the purpose. Information and application blanks may be had from W. H. Walker at his office in the courthouse.

ANNOUNCE SPEAKERS FOR LEES-McRAE FINALS

Banner Elk, May 17.—The main speakers at the commencement exercises at LeesMcRae College, which will be held May 30 and May 31, have been announced.

Dr. John Timothy Stone, president of Presbyterian Theological Seminary, Chicago, Ill., will deliver the baccalaureate sermon to the graduating seniors Sunday morning, May 30, at 11 o'clock. Dr. Stone is an eminent leader in the Presbyterian church, and is a frequent speaker in colleges and universities of the east and midwest.

Dr. R. B. House, dean of administration at the University of North Carolina, has accepted an invitation to make the address at the commencement exercises on Monday at 2 p. m.

The graduating program will begin Saturday night with senior class night. Senior vespers will be held Sunday night, May 30.

HIGHWAY OFFICE FOR WILKESBORO PLANNED

North Wilkesboro, May 16.—Upon his return from the meeting of the state highway commission, J. Gordon Hackett, of this city, said that the district highway office will be located in North Wilkesboro.

Hackett is commissioner of the eighth district, which is composed of Wilkes, Surry, Yadkin, Forsyth, Davie, Watauga, Caldwell, Ashe, Alleghany and Stokes counties.

Relative to the establishment of a highway machine and repair shop, Mr. Hackett explained that at present there is no adequate shop in the district and that one would be established here in the near future.

CITIZENS AGAIN ASKED TO AID IN CLEAN-UP DRIVE

Mayor States That Scant Cooperation is Being Evidenced; Many Complaints About Hogs and Rubbish; Matter to Be Placed in Hands of Police

Mayor W. H. Gragg stated Wednesday that some progress is being made in the matter of cleaning up the town, but that the co-operation of the citizens is far from being complete, and desires to urge that a particular effort be made during the remaining days of the week in order that the town may be made presentable, and that there may be no occasion for legal action.

City trucks are making the rounds of the town, hauling away rubbish, the only requirement being that the refuse be placed in some kind of container so that it may be loaded with the least trouble, and that it be placed in some accessible spot on a street or driveway.

Complaints continue to come to the city hall of people violating the ordinance which forbids the keeping of swine within 300 feet of a residence or business house, and it is said that this law will be enforced. The first of the week the police chief in company with a representative of the district health office will make an inspection tour of the town, and in the case of hog pens and rubbish dumped indiscriminately on vacant lots, the penalties of the law will be invoked.

Mayor Gragg insists on a concerted action by the citizenry so that drastic action may be averted.

MRS. HARRIS ON WELFARE BOARD

State Welfare Board Names 97 Members of County Units; Others Not Named

Mrs. Mary S. Harris, of Amantha, was named as a member of the Watauga county welfare board by the state board of charities and public welfare last Friday. Ninety-six other such members were appointed at the same time on local welfare boards, which later are to take over the duties of setting up the social security machinery.

A second member of the board is to be appointed by the county commissioners. These two members select a third and in case of dispute the resident superior court judge names the third.

The commissioners have not as yet acted, but it is understood that the board is to be appointed and begin functioning in a short while.

Mrs. Ragan Funeral Held Here Thursday

Funeral services were conducted Thursday afternoon from the Boone Methodist church for Mrs. Isolene Davis Ragan, who died Wednesday at the age of 77, from an illness which had been considered serious since last November. Rev. Paul Townsend, the pastor, was in charge of the obsequies and was assisted by Rev. W. C. Payne, of the Baptist church. Interment was at Hopewell Methodist church.

The pallbearers were: W. R. Winkler, A. E. Hamby, Hamp Blackburn, W. C. Greer, D. L. Wilcox, Cliff McConnell, George Greene and A. E. Hodges.

There were three children: Mrs. R. S. Ruten, who died in Fort Collins, Colo., last January; Charles Ragan, Passadena, Calif., and C. C. Ragan, of Boone. There are two sisters surviving: Mrs. T. J. Tugman, Boone, and Mrs. John Winebarger, Meat Camp.

Mrs. Ragan was a daughter of the late W. S. and Sally Davis and was born and reared in the Meat Camp section of Watauga county. Her husband, Jesse Smith Ragan, died in Arizona twenty years ago. She joined Hopewell Methodist church at the age of 14 and remained active in religious work the remainder of her life. She had resided in Boone with her son for the past 14 years, where she was held in high esteem by the citizenry.

COUNTY SINGING AT MT. VERNON JUNE 6

The Watauga County Singing convention will meet the first Sunday in June at the Mt. Vernon church, five miles east of Boone. Every singing choir is cordially invited to come. Consult your pastor and choir leader about the quality of songs to sing.

PLANT EARLY CABBAGE
Messrs. J. G. Campbell and Marion Combs of Mable, who are among the pioneers in early cabbage raising on a commercial scale in this county, have set 15,000 plants and they expect the product to be ready for the market July 1. They estimate their yield from the tract will be from 50,000 to 755,000 pounds.