

Raleigh—Twenty-seven years in the national congress would seem enough to fag a fellow's spirits, enough to bring staleness and a sense of drudgery . . . enough to produce the paunchy lethargy so common amongst long-time habitués of Capitol Hill. Yes, thirteen terms in congress would sap the "soap-grease" from those inclined to weaken; but the scamping years serve as a fine emery to furbish men of real strength . . . men like Bob Doughton . . . to reveal the qualities which are theirs. A visit with the ninth district representative in Washington should offer a conclusive proof to doubting Thomases that Farmer Bob is three jumps ahead of the March of Time, despite advanced age . . . that he'll wear blisters on the heels of any young squirt who trails with him just one day.



BREAKFAST AT SIX
The Wardman Park apartment of Mr. Doughton is astir at five-thirty a. m. A farm-bred mountain girl tends a frying pan on the kitchen range . . . a pan sputtering with rashers of hickory-cured Alleghany county ham. Biscuits brown in the oven, and eggs sent fresh from Laurel Springs "just yesterday" await reunion with the hot gravy. On the table are jelly and preserves, made by Mrs. Doughton herself last summer. And so the Congressman breakfasts on the fat of his own lands . . . just like he always has . . . and by six-thirty is on his way to the house office building, bubbling over with the vitality of continuing youth, as fresh as the bright May morning.

By the time average Washingtonians have sleepily responded to eight-o'clock alarms, Farmer Bob has read his personal mail, perused newspapers from "down home," prepared notes for a bunch of conferences, and is ready to receive callers. "How are you, Jim?" . . . always glad to see you . . . come in here and sit down!—that's the way he greeted the Sketch Man on a recent morning; and the genuine squeeze of his big right hand gave the visitor an at-home feeling. "Look this paper over while I finish my mail; it won't take but a minute" . . . that's what he said.

ANIMATED CONVERSATION
Then came the good, wholesome conversation which characterizes a meeting with the Congressman . . . politics, of course, every brand of that; the condition of growing crops, the price of livestock, health of old friends, afflictions of associates, financial trends, the New Deal with its new-fangled bureaus and administrations . . . Mr. Doughton lending his home-spun philosophies to each topic. And he's found time, somehow, to acquaint himself with every phase of this thing called life . . . back in that head of his are answers to about all the questions you feel like asking—and then some!

Clerks and stenographers have now arrived . . . the Doughton office becomes a humming, "clicking" foundry of public service. Phones jingle incessantly, the reception room fills with early-morning guests, messengers come and go; the Congressman's rugged features are wrinkled with a twenty-dollar smile of contentment . . . he's enjoying himself immensely.

A MIXED PARADE
An unkempt man in his forties emerges from the inner "sanctum," new-born confidence apparent in his sprightly walk, a business-like gleam in his eyes . . . maybe 'twas a dollar he wanted, or a job; matters not which—Farmer Bob had administered a satisfying panacea. A brace of Yankee industrialists, dressed fit to kill, strut through the doorway . . . they want to discuss taxes with Chairman Doughton of the Ways and Means . . . perhaps they're "deeply concerned" over New Deal "extravagance." But confidence has surely been restored . . . they stroll away from the conference, faces beaming; the nation's credit is safe, after all . . . the chairman told 'em so!

Lumber kings from the northwest, shoe barons from Boston, motor magnates from the Lake States, tobacco tycoons and textile princes from Dixie, potential letter-carriers from down in "the district"; brain-trusters, beggars, social-climbers, personal friends and political enemies from the good Lord knows where . . . every class and condition of mankind marches in the all-but-endless parade which marches through the Doughton office.

Problems of national import one minute . . . the tribulations of a forlorn constituent or an unmerited pension claim the next . . . requests for radio appearances, commencement addresses, church donations . . . these and similar "trifles" constitute but the "grapefruit" of a Doughton work day. Public hearings in the palatial Ways and Means assembly chamber and regular attendance at house sessions.

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JUNE COURT TERM NOT TO BE HELD

Commissioners Decide Against Holding Civil Term of Court This Summer

The regular June term of Superior court will not be held this year, according to word coming from Eller McNeil, chairman of the board of county commissioners, and from Clerk A. E. South. It was decided to dispense with the civil term this year, it is said, due to the fact that only a few cases would be ready for hearing, perhaps enough to occupy a couple of days of the court's time, and also because of an urgent need of Judge Cowper's services at another point during the month.

JUNE 12 LAST DAY SIGN WORK SHEETS

Farmers Must Act At Once to Earn Soil-Building and Diversion Payments

June 12 is the last day on which North Carolina farmers will be allowed to sign work sheets for the 1937 soil conservation program, said E. Y. Floyd, of State College. The county offices have been instructed from Washington not to accept work sheets after that date, Floyd pointed out. However, growers who sign work sheets in time will be eligible to earn soil-building and diversion payments by complying with the terms of the program this year. Those who signed work sheets for 1936 are not required to sign again for 1937, Floyd continued, but if they have bought more land or otherwise made changes in their farms, they should notify their county agents at once.

Work sheets are used in preparing information that will help farmers plan their farming operations so as to take part in the program and get all the benefits possible. The work sheet is not a contract, Floyd added, and when a grower signs one he does not place himself under any obligation whatever. But a work sheet must be filed with the county office if a grower is to receive any payments. He pointed out that there are two reasons why work sheets must be signed on or before June 12. First, information prepared from work sheets signed after June 12 would be too late to be of use to growers this year. Second, the task of checking up on growers' compliance with the program will start in June in some counties.

Issues Appeal For Wearing Poppies

Poppy Day Will Be Observed on Saturday, May 29; Is a Memorial Flower

An appeal for general wearing of the memorial poppy in remembrance of the World War dead on Poppy Day, Saturday, May 29, was issued today by Mrs. Lionel Ward, president of the local unit of the American Legion Auxiliary. She asked that every person in the county pay honor to the men of the county and of the nation who gave their lives in defense of the country by wearing a poppy on Poppy Day. "The Poppy is the individual tribute to the memory of the men who died in World War service," said Mrs. Ward. "Everyone can wear a poppy to show that he remembers and is grateful for the gallant sacrifices made for America's security and democracy. Every patriotic citizen will take part in the observance of Poppy Day."

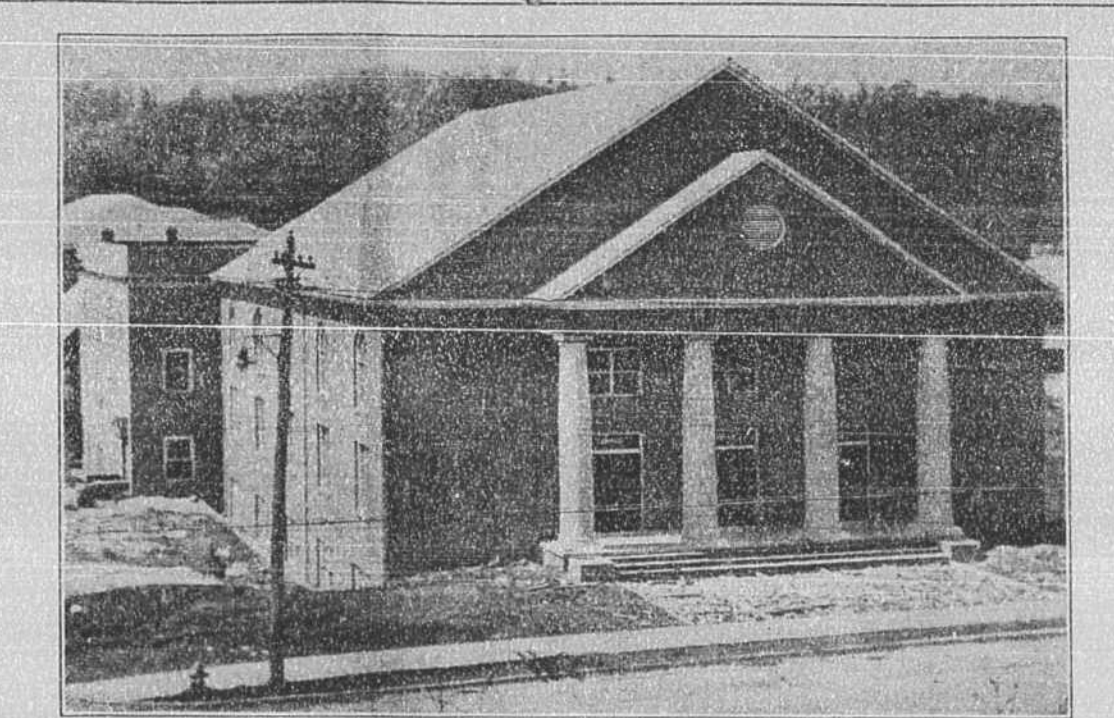
The poppy is the symbol of the supreme sacrifice. It stands for the highest type of patriotism we can conceive. Wearing this little flower awakens in our hearts a deeper conception of our duties to our country. It reminds us that life itself is not too much to give if our country is in danger and gives us inspiration to serve in peace with the same spirit of patriotic devotion that inspired those who died among the poppies of France."

Members of the auxiliary and ladies of the town will distribute poppies on the streets all day Saturday, receiving in exchange for them contributions for the Legion and Auxiliary welfare work among the disabled veterans and needy families of the veterans. The poppies have been made by disabled veterans at Oteen hospital.

TONSIL CLINIC AT VALLE CRUCIS ASKED

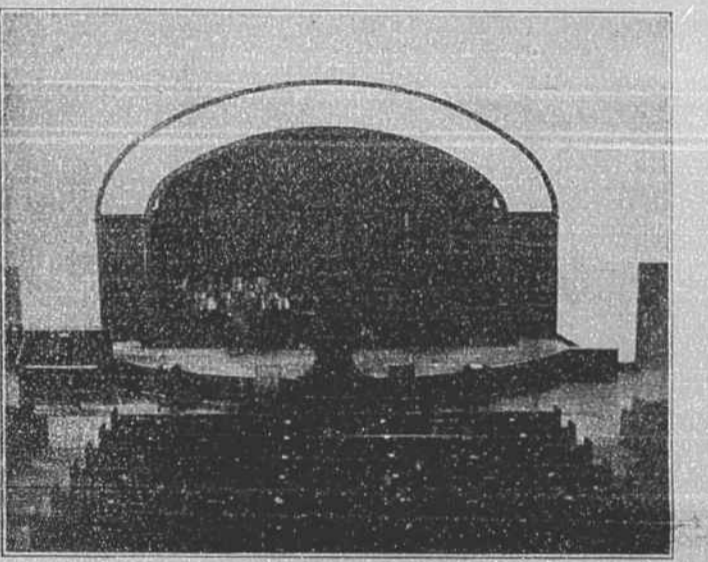
All those who are interested in having a tonsil clinic at the Valle Crucis Mission School should make arrangements immediately with the district health department. This clinic is to be held only if a sufficient number desire it, so don't delay. Sign up this week if you intend doing so. The date for the Valle Crucis clinic will be June 8, and please do not confuse this date with the Boone tonsil clinic date which will be in July.

New Church Auditorium to Be Opened Sunday



The new Baptist church building in Boone which will be officially opened next Sunday morning, inaugurating a series of special services for the week. Photograph does not show the full reach of the plant, which is the most thoroughly modern in this entire section.

(Right) A view of the front of the auditorium, and pulpit arrangement of the new Baptist church. The auditorium is elegantly finished and modernly appointed.



DALLAS HARMAN DIES IN OHIO CITY

Brother of O. J. Harman Succumbs from Illness With Pneumonia Monday

Mr. Dallas Harman, aged 55, son of the late James Harman and brother to O. J. Harman of the local Chevrolet agency, died in Cincinnati, Ohio, Monday, where he had been employed in a glass plant. Death was due to pneumonia, it is said. Funeral services were conducted in Bristol and interment was there. Surviving besides the widow are one son and two daughters, Edgar Harman, of Bristol, Misses Tina and Muriel Harman of Boone. The mother also survives as do the following brothers and sisters: Cloyd Harman, Mrs. Mack Cook, Somerset, Ky.; Mrs. Jack Ray, Bristol, and O. J. Harman, Vilas.

Mr. Harman was a son of the late James and Mrs. Harman and was reared in Watauga county where he was popular. For the past several years the family has resided in Bristol.

Crosswhite Twins Make Fine Record

The following which is taken from the Hyattsville (Md.) Independent, is of local interest due to the fact that the young people referred to are grandchildren of the late J. W. Thomas, of Valle Crucis. Their parents are Mr. and Mrs. Henry Crosswhite. "H. Milton Crosswhite, of East Riverdale, ranked among the first ten freshmen placing highest in the psychological test given during Freshman Week at Western Maryland College. He is a 1936 graduate of Hyattsville high school. Young Crosswhite won the senatorial scholarship to Western Maryland from Prince George's county.

"The young man also has gained a place in the college R. O. T. C. band. He is a former music pupil of Alfred Manning of Hyattsville. "Young Crosswhite's twin sister, Miss Mary Crosswhite, also has distinguished herself. Graduating in the same class from Hyattsville high school with her brother last June, she won a scholarship to Benjamin Franklin University in Washington, where she is now studying accountancy. "The parents and many friends of this young man and young lady certainly may well feel proud of them."

Mr. E. G. Farthing and family were guests Sunday of relatives in Wilkes county.

DRYS WINNERS IN ALLEGHANY

Sparta, May 26.—Alleghany county voted "dry" for the first time in its history yesterday when a proposal to establish county liquor control stores was defeated by an unofficial vote of 1,225 to 1,050.

Demonstration Clubs Meet at Banner Elk

Banner Elk, May 21.—More than 300 members and guests of the Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs, representing six North Carolina counties, convened at Lees-McRae College here Friday for the annual meeting of the third district of the federation. Mrs. Harold Fowler, of Statesville, presided.

Counties represented were Avery, Watauga, Iredell, Catawba, Alexander and Caldwell. The program began at 10 o'clock with a meeting of all the delegates in the college auditorium. After the invocation, they were welcomed by Mrs. F. L. Ray, of Avery county. Mrs. W. J. Nesbitt, of Alexander, responded for the delegates. Immediately after the roll call and minutes of the last meeting, the following committees were appointed: Resolutions, Mrs. Harold Gabriel, Catawba; Mrs. Thaddeus Pritchard, Iredell; and Mrs. Carl Thompson, Caldwell. Invitations, Mrs. W. E. Sherrill, Iredell; Mrs. George Perry, Caldwell; Mrs. L. D. Lowe, Banner Elk. Reports of various counties followed. At noon a picnic luncheon was served on the college campus.

At 1:30 Mr. A. C. Kimrey, of the North Carolina extension service at Raleigh, spoke on "The Value of Proper Diet in Building a Healthy Body." A short memorial service was then held for the club members deceased during the past year. Reports of committees were then given, and the invitation committee announced that next year's meeting would be held at Boone, Watauga county. The meeting was concluded by the attendance report by Mrs. Cullen Sherrill, of Iredell, secretary, and a short address by Miss Ruth Current, state home demonstration agent. Iredell county led in attendance with 64 present.

Mr. W. W. Mast, of Valle Crucis, is a patient at the Charlotte Sanatorium where he has been for the past two weeks suffering from a serious illness. His condition is decidedly improved.

B. T. U. RALLY AT BLOWING ROCK

Mass Meeting of Training Workers of Three Forks Association to Meet May 30

A mass meeting of all Training Union workers of the Three Forks association will meet at the Blowing Rock Baptist church on May 30th, beginning at 2:30 p. m.

A timely program has been arranged for the meeting. Several of the speakers and conference leaders are to come from other sections, including Dr. R. E. Hardy of LeNoir, Rev. Waldo D. Early, Granite Falls, and Miss Mary Mull, Morganton. Miss Mull is junior inter-mediate leader for this district. Every church in the association is urged to send a delegation and every B. T. U. officer is especially asked to attend.

New Barber Shop and Beauty Salon Here

Mr. Albert Bingham, Boone barber, is having the quarters formerly occupied by the Watauga Hardware Co., divided so as to provide space on the one side for a new barber shop, which he will operate, while the other portion of the building will be used for Miss Lillian Reichert's Lillian Mae Beauty Shoppe. The building will be occupied on June 1.

BACCALAUREATE SERMON AT VALLE CRUCIS SUNDAY

The Rev. W. S. Stoney, rector of Grace Episcopal church, Morganton, will deliver the baccalaureate sermon to the graduating class of the Valle Crucis School for Girls, at Holy Cross church, Valle Crucis, Sunday morning, May 30th, at 11 o'clock. The public is cordially invited to attend. Other services will be: Holy Communion 1:30 a. m., church school and Bible class 10 o'clock.

WINS SCHOLARSHIP

Miss Annette Beach, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Beach of Boone, has been given a scholarship by the Women's College at Greensboro, a division of the University of North Carolina, for her scholastic excellence in the North Wilkesboro high school, where she graduated Monday evening. The young lady made an average in all her subjects of slightly more than 91, to win the coveted award. Mr. and Mrs. Beach and Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Vestal attended the graduating exercises.

BAPTIST CHURCH AUDITORIUM WILL BE OPENED SUNDAY

Local Church Plant is Finest in Northwestern Region; Special Program Arranged for Next Week; Rev. Canipe is Pastor of Church

The auditorium of the new Boone Baptist church will be formally opened next Sunday morning and the pastor, Rev. J. C. Canipe, has arranged a special program for the week.

Sunday at the 11 o'clock hour Dr. M. A. Huggins, secretary of the general board at Raleigh, will speak, while at the evening hour I. G. Greer, head of Mills Home, Thomasville, will be the guest speaker. Monday evening, May 31, Smith Hagaman, Baptist hospital superintendent, will occupy the pulpit, while Tuesday night a factory representative will appear in a recital on the new Hammond electric organ. Wednesday evening the church will have as its guests the pastors and friends of other denominations, and Thursday evening the Baptist preachers of the rural churches, and their members, are invited. Friday night is to be Sunday school night, and Saturday evening colored residents of the town are invited to occupy the balcony.

Rev. Mr. Canipe and his congregation desire that the public accept this as a personal invitation to the general public to be present at the services throughout the week of

A Handsome Structure
The new Baptist church, the first unit of which was erected in 1929, has just been completed at a cost of about \$80,000, which figure includes the pastor's home located on the same lot. The building represents the very latest thought in modern church construction and the plans which were drawn by the late Robert F. Coffey, were approved by the general board of the North Carolina Baptist convention, as well as by the architectural department of the Sunday school board at Nashville, Tenn.

The building is constructed of straw-colored brick, the auditorium will seat 900 to 1,000 people and there are 50 Sunday school rooms in the structure, including five departmental Sunday school rooms.

The building fronts 100 feet on Main street and 250 feet on College avenue, and is without question the finest church plant in Northwestern North Carolina. The auditorium, Sunday school department, as well as the pastor's home, are steam heated, and a Hammond electric pipe organ is a feature of the handsome auditorium.

W. F. Miller, G. P. Hagaman, W. D. Farthing, A. D. Wilson, D. L. Wilcox and L. T. Tatum composed the building committee.

Rev. Canipe is Pastor
Rev. J. C. Canipe is the pastor of the church. He came to Boone in 1934 from Siler City, and during his pastorate the denomination has shown a consistent growth. There has been more than a ten per cent increase in membership, while the Sunday school has shown a marked growth.

Rev. Mr. Canipe is a graduate of Wake Forest College and the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville. He is a member of the state mission board, and was engaged in evangelistic work for some time before coming to Boone. Some years ago, in company with some of the outstanding ministers of the south attended the Baptist World Alliance in Berlin, and during the sojourn made a special study of the Bible from first-hand information gathered by way of a leisurely trip through the Holy Land. Mr. Canipe is regarded as one of the outstanding ministers of the convention, and has done a full share toward the growth of the Boone church, both from a physical and spiritual standpoint.

Business Houses Are Redecorated for Spring

A number of the business houses of the town have undergone a completely new refinishing on the interiors, preparatory to the summer season. Among those lately repainted are Walker's Jewelry store, Boo. Trail cafe and the retail department of the New River Light & Power Co.

DARE IS AUTHORIZED TO OPEN ABC STORES

Raleigh, May 25.—Cutlar Moore, chairman of the state liquor commission, said he was writing today to the Dare county alcoholic beverage control board to proceed with the opening of liquor stores, if it so desired. If Dare begins operation of dispensaries, it will be the first county to open stores since the commission was appointed last month.

Hiawatha, immortalized by Longfellow's poem, was a real Mohawk Indian.