

SKETCHES from LIFE



THEY STILL TALK

Schools, principals, faculties; methods of employment, causes of discharge; solicitation of campaign contributions from teachers, consolidation of rural institutions; politics, collusion, conspiracy...



less abandon... talking about dandruff, thieves, sots; recounting the hour and place that so-and-so did she-or-he a mighty nasty turn...

Occasionally there comes a rumor that some worker in Democracy's vineyard is to be dropped from the public payroll if he expresses opinions not in accord with those of the powers-that-be...

The Sketch Man would like to reiterate his stand of a few weeks ago. School affairs should be administered by local communities, without the interference of alien forces...

The opinions of parents whose children attend Watauga's schools are much more to be desired than the observations of those who crave employment for themselves or members of their families in the same institutions...

LAND OF PEACE

But across George's Gap lies "Canaan" a land of peace and plenty, where the Golden Rule has full application in the daily walks of those who inhabit its verdant hills and sequestered glades...

Cracking hills herald enormous potato yields in this progressive neighborhood... corn is the best in years, cabbage and truck crops of all kinds are record-breakers...

There are no educational troubles on Beaver Dam. At Bethel the Federal Government, in co-operation with Watauga county, has erected a magnificent school building of native stone construction...

It's a pity that other neighbors...

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HOME COMING AT BLUE RIDGE BAPTIST CHURCH

All-Day Meeting Be Held Sunday, Aug. 8; Judge Johnson J. Hayes, Dr. B. B. Dougherty and T. C. Bowie Will Deliver Addresses

The annual home-coming will be held at Blue Ridge Baptist church on Sunday, August 8th, from ten to three o'clock.

M. M. Phillips will preside at the opening session, which will be devoted to singing by local and visiting classes and a short program by the Vacation Bible School now in progress.

Hon. Ira T. Johnston, of Jefferson, will preside over the afternoon session, at which the principal speaker will be Judge Johnson J. Hayes. Dr. B. B. Dougherty, president of Appalachian College, Hon. T. C. Bowie and others are expected to be present and take part.

The committee on arrangements extends an invitation to any singing class wishing to participate, also to all friends to bring a picnic lunch and spend the day with us on the Blue Ridge parkway.

This church is located eight miles east of Deep Gap and six miles of Highway No. 16, at Horse Gap. Assurance is given that the parkway will be open to travel for this occasion.

Free Movies Coming To Chevrolet Company

The Harrison Chevrolet Co. makes announcement today of the appearance in this city on the evening of August 6th, of an outdoor talking picture theatre on wheels, equipped with its own electrical power plant.

In making the announcement, Mr. Harrison stated that real stories and real pictures would be presented, and that the free entertainment would be presented in this locality for only the one evening. He is very anxious that there be a large attendance and promises a most educational presentation.

Laurel Creek Road Is To Be Surfaced

The State Highway and Public Works commission has advertised for bids on surfacing 1.6 miles of the so-called Laurel Creek highway, extending from Sugar Grove down the river, and the contract will be let sometime during the present month.

The grading and structures on the new section of highway have already been completed and ready for surfacing.

MR. PHILLIP GREER BETTER

"Uncle" Phillip Greer of Mabel, who has been ill for several months and whose illness since the first of the week has been critical, was reported Wednesday morning as being considerably improved. On Monday relatives had almost despaired of the recovery of the beloved 95-year-old citizen, but today his condition is decidedly more hopeful.

JOHN C. JONES ILL

Mr. John C. Jones, one of the most highly esteemed citizens of the Zionville section, is gravely ill at the home of a niece, Mrs. Cicero Greer, in Boone, where he came for a visit a few days ago. Information is that Mr. Jones' condition is not improved and that there is grave doubt as to his recovery.

ATTEND FUNERAL

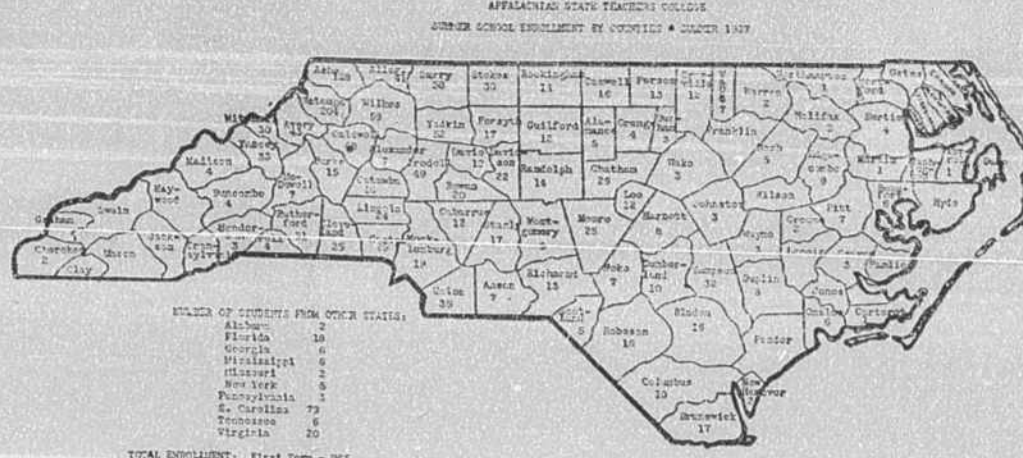
Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Tatum went to Forest City Saturday, where they attended the funeral services for Mrs. Tatum's mother, Mrs. Mary Martin, aged 82, who died on Friday from a heart ailment. Interment was in a Forest City cemetery.

LOCAL VISITORS

At H. W. Horton's tourist cabins on Winklers' Creek over the past week-end were: Mrs. J. Fred Crutchfield and two nieces of Orangeburg, S. C., as guests of Miss Lottie Crutchfield, of North Wilkesboro; Mrs. Marion Shell of North Wilkesboro, with Miss Peggy Reichert of Boone as her guest.

Among recent visitors at the home of Mrs. G. C. Winkler were: Misses Laura and Leona Avery, Charlotte; Mrs. Margaret Bohnert and two nieces with Mr. Bill Baker, all of Miami; Mr. and Mrs. Price Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Gary Mahoe, Miami; and Miss Lillian Wells of Deland, Fla. Some of the visitors will remain with Mrs. Winkler through the month.

MANY NORTH CAROLINA COUNTIES REPRESENTED BY STUDENTS ENROLLED DURING SUMMER TERMS



The map above gives concrete evidence that Appalachian State Teachers College is growing in importance as the ideal summer school. With the exception of approximately 10 in the most distant points every county in the state is represented.

POOLED LAMBS ARE TO BE SOLD

Second Shipment of Lambs is to Be Made From County; Weighing Dates Given

The second shipment of pooled lambs will be made from Watauga county on August 10, says County Agent W. B. Collins, who submits the following list of the times and places at which the lambs will be weighed on that date:

W. S. Moretz's at 8 a. m.; C. D. McNeil's store at 9 a. m.; L. H. Holler's at 10 a. m.; W. A. Proffitt's at 12 m.; Sullivan's scales at 1:30 p. m.; C. B. Reese's at 2:30 p. m.; Mrs. W. Y. Farthing's at 4 p. m.; John Ward's at 5:30 p. m.; Lee Candler's at 8 a. m.; Claude Shore's at 9 a. m.; W. W. Mast's at 11 a. m.; Conley Glenn's at 12:30 p. m.; W. H. Mast's at 1:30 p. m.; Odes Wilson's at 3 p. m.; R. A. Thomas' at 4:30 p. m.

These lambs will be sold, on grade, before the lambs are taken up, and the farmers will be told the price at the scales. Any farmer in the county who wishes to sell his lambs through the pool may do so by bringing the lambs to the above scales at the time scheduled.

Farmers selling lambs through the pool get every cent their lambs are worth on the day the lambs are sold. This usually is a better price than is paid outside the pool, Mr. Collins says.

Speaks At College Along Dental Lines

Dr. Ernest Branch, director of divisional oral hygiene for the state board of health, spoke at the College Tuesday, his subject being "The Mouth in Relationship to Systemic Disease."

Dr. Branch states that another dentist from Raleigh will be in the county within a short time for the purpose of conducting clinics for the students.

APPALACHIAN OPENS FALL TERM AUGUST 25

The regular 1937-38 term of Appalachian College will open August 25, it is announced, coming to a close April 30.

The first week of the term, it is stated, will be given entirely to the orientation and classification of freshman students. All students who plan to enter this institution for the first time will be expected to present themselves for the freshman classification tests on August 25th. Those who come after this date will be charged a late test fee of \$2.00.

BOSTONIAN A VISITOR

Mr. M. P. Gaddis, who is manager of the Boston division of the International Shoe Company, spent Friday in town with Mr. and Mrs. June Russell and family. Mr. Gaddis, who had never before visited this section of country was greatly pleased with the scenery in the outlying sections, and marveled at the progressive spirit which manifests itself in the town. Speaking of business conditions, Mr. Gaddis looks for several years of increasing prosperity, and stated that at present his concern is producing in its 45 factories 200,000 pairs of shoes daily, constituting a \$130,000,000 annual business.

FARM TOUR IS TO BE CONDUCTED AUGUST 7 TO 24

County Agent Arranges Annual Pilgrimage to Acquaint County People With Improved Farm Practices; Will Select Best Demonstration Farmer

By W. B. COLLINS (County Agent)

The second annual farm tour of Watauga county will be held August 7 to 24, inclusive, to inspect the demonstration farms of the county, to select the best demonstration farmer in each township, and to select the best demonstration farmer in the county.

These tours are held to show the farmers and business people of the county some of the better farm practices which are being carried out on these demonstration farms. A system of crop rotation, which includes liming, phosphating, and sowing clover is being carried out on most of these farms with wonderful results. A large number of these demonstration farmers have obtained marked results from sowing 43% superphosphate on old pastures.

Nearly all of these farmers are following some improved farm practice that would be beneficial for other farmers of the county to follow. Every farmer and business man in the county is invited to go on one or more of these tours.

Following is a list of the times and places at which we will meet to begin these tours:

Laurel Creek township, at Victor Ward's store, Saturday, August 7, 8 a. m. Blue Ridge township, at Stacy Ford's farm, Monday, August 9, 8 a. m. Stony Fork township, at Deep Gap postoffice, Monday, August 9, 1 p. m. Meal Camp township, at Green Valley school, Wednesday, August 11, 8 a. m. Watauga township, at W. W. Mast's store, Thursday, August 12, 8 a. m. Brushy Fork watershed, at Valle Crucis station, August 13, 8 a. m. Shawneehaw township, at Matney school, Saturday, August 14, 8 a. m. Boone township, at courthouse, Monday, August 16, 8 a. m. Cove Creek township, at Cove Creek high school, Tuesday, August 17, 8 a. m. Cove Creek and North Fork townships, at Bert Mast's store, Wednesday, August 18, 8 a. m. Beaver Dam township, at Donley Hagan's store, Thursday, August 19, 8 a. m. Beaver Dam township, at Clyde Perry's store, Friday, August 20, 8 a. m. Bald Mountain township, at W. S. Miller's farm, Saturday, August 21, 8 a. m. The county-wide tour for selecting the best demonstration farmer in the county will start from the courthouse in Boone on Monday, August 23, at 8 a. m., to visit the eastern half of the county. The tour for the western half of the county will start from Cove Creek high school on Tuesday, August 24, at 8 a. m.

Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Morris, of Sarasota, Fla., are spending some time at the Horton Tourist camp on Winkler's Creek.

WARNS AGAINST BOGUS MONEY

Merchants Association Says Counterfeiting Gang Operating in Southern Territory

A bulletin coming from the office of the Boone Retail Merchants Association indicates that over \$1000 worth of bogus greenbacks have been distributed in Mt. Hope, W. Va., during the last week and that the gang passing the counterfeit currency is repeatedly heading further south.

The bulletin continues that the bills are said by authorities to be most cleverly executed, and they are all New York Federal Reserve notes, in \$10 and \$20 denominations.

In sounding a warning to the business men, the Merchants Association continues:

"Be very careful that you are not caught. Examine personally and carefully every bill of large denomination which is offered at your store. Don't make any fuss about it if you find one; simply refuse to accept it and as a measure of protection to other merchants in town, notify your bank."

"See that all bills of \$10 or over are brought to you for change—do not allow any of the clerks or even the cashier to change such bills."

Ministers Meeting To Be Held Aug. 9th

A ministers conference will be held at the Boone Baptist church August 9th at 2 o'clock, according to information coming from Rev. Vilas Minton, the chairman.

The devotional will be in charge of Rev. T. T. Danner and there will be a round table discussion of the following subjects:

"How Can We as Pastors Hold in Check the Divisions in Pastoral Elections?" "What is the Duty as Pastors and Churches Toward Fallen Characters?"

TAXES TO BE ADVERTISED IN NEXT WEEK'S EDITION

County Tax Collector A. D. Wilson again calls attention to the fact that a list of the delinquent taxpayers will be turned over to the local newspaper next Saturday so that the property involved may be advertised and sold to satisfy taxes for the year 1935. All those who desire to save the costs which will accrue as a result of the sale are asked to settle their taxes before Saturday.

REVIVAL MEETING

A revival meeting began at Henson's Chapel Methodist church Saturday evening and is expected to continue for two weeks with preaching services at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Rev. and Mrs. O. P. Ader are doing the preaching and forceful gospel sermons are being delivered. Rev. Mr. Ader was pastor at Henson's Chapel 32 years ago.

MRS. ELIZA HINES HEGE

Mrs. Eliza Hines Hege of Chapel Hill, died at the home of Mrs. G. C. Winkler in Boone on the 21st, of pneumonia, and the body was returned to the home community for funeral and interment. Mrs. Hege had spent three summers in Boone and had made a number of friends in this locality.

COUNTY SCHOOL OPENING DATES SET BY BOARD

First Schools of County to Open August 26; Teachers Approved, Janitors Appointed, etc.; Five Buses Added to School Transportation System

The county board of education at its meeting Monday set the dates for the opening of the county schools, approved several teachers and named janitors and bus drivers and mapped the routes the buses will follow in transporting Watauga's school pupils to and from school.

Five buses will be added to the county transportation system, making a total of 25 for the year.

The opening dates for the various schools follow:

Thursday Morning, Aug. 26

Bethel, Mabel, Pottertown, Silverstone, Cove Creek, Rominger, Pressnell, Kellerville, Windy Gap, Liberty Hill, Valle Crucis, Foscoe, Grandfather, Valle Mountain, Cool Springs (Shawneehaw), Cool Springs (Blowing Rock township), Penley, Bradshaw and Cook.

Thursday Morning, Sept. 2
Boone, Boone colored, Oak Grove, Howard's Creek, Rutherford, Mt. Person, Elk and Lower Elk.

Monday Morning, Sept. 13

The Blowing Rock school. To open with Todd school are Green Valley, Riverview and Winbarger.

Teachers Approved
The following teachers were approved: Mrs. Dave Mast for Blowing Rock; Miss Lola Rowe for Rich Mountain, and Luey Hodges for Boone colored school.

The following janitors were approved: Don Swift for Cove Creek; Ivan Farthing for Bethel; Coy Pennington for Blowing Rock; D. E. Benfield for Boone high school and Dolph Lyons for Boone Elementary school.

Linney Walker was approved for the school bus mechanic and Miss Velma Brown was approved for office stenographer.

LOCAL LAWYERS ARE HONORED

Lovill Heads District Association; Bar Meeting to Be Held in Boone Next

Boone lawyers were signally honored at the meeting of the District Bar Association, held at Lincoln Lillian inn, near Lincolnton, last Friday, when W. R. Lovill was named president of the district association; Wade E. Brown, secretary-treasurer, and T. E. Bingham was designated a member of the executive committee.

It was also announced that the next meeting of the lawyers will be held in Boone, but no date was given.

More than seventy-five lawyers and judges attended the meeting, one of the high spots which was an address by Hon. Julian Miller, Boone resident and member of the federal board of tax appeals.

Those going from Boone were: Wade Brown, W. R. Lovill, A. G. Qualls, T. E. Bingham, Robert W. Pulliam, J. E. Holshouser and Justin Miller.

BOONE BALL CLUB BEATS MOUNTAIN CITY SUNDAY

The Boone baseball club defeated the Mountain City, Tenn., team by a score of 8 to 3 Sunday afternoon at the nearby town. Blaine Miller and Joe Bingham, on the mound for Boone, allowed only three singles, which were bunched for a corresponding number of runs. Miller, Raleigh Cottrell and Earl Henson led the hitting for the locals, with two singles each.

On Sunday, July 25, the Boone team played its first game, beating the then-undefeated Blowing Rock team by a one-sided score of 20 to 7.

WATAUGA REPRESENTED AT FARMERS' MEETING

Watauga county is represented at the farmers convention which is being held in Raleigh this week by the following farmers: W. S. Miller, Todd; Lee Swift, Trade, Tenn.; R. A. Thomas, Mabel, and W. B. Collins, county agent. These farmers will have the opportunity of attending lectures and hearing some of the outstanding state leaders address farmers representing almost every county in the state.

Mr. A. S. Harris, manager of the Spainhour store, is spending his vacation with home folks in the eastern part of the state.