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SKETCHES from Capital LIFE

by JIM

WASHINGTON, D. C.—If a fellow is inclined to place confidence in the cynical scribes who cover Washington's hectic scene, President Roosevelt is definitely on the "greasy board." Mark Sullivan, again resplendent in high stiff collar, exults daily in the paradoxical thought that America has, after six years of experimentation, turned her back on the "crack-pot schemes" of a liberal administration that we're heading back to "the good old days" of safe and conservative Republican rule. And there are dozens of knowing lads who heartily agree!

SO, WITH THE NEW DEAL on that sad trail to inevitable Waterloo, it behooves the prophetic Washingtonian to pierce the veil of uncertainty and take a look at the coming presidential campaign. Republican material, according to the press, abounds plentifully. There are Deweys and Bartons and Vandenburgs and Leiges and Tatts, any of whom is eminently qualified to fill the shoes of Lincoln or Garfield or Teddy or Calvin—even Herbert. The issues are a crusade to save a terribly sick nation from the malignant ailment of Democratic reform!

WORK RELIEF, condemned by the opposition for its flagrant abuse of human rights—for its wanton extravagances—must of necessity be abandoned. But, will the sleek Michigan senator, whose condemnations of WPA make headlines aplenty, tell those millions who today obtain livelihood from its thousands of projects that they must suffer the pangs of hunger while industry seeks to remedy them? Now, will he?

WILL THE GENTLEMAN from Massachusetts, young Henry Cabot Lodge, take to the hustings and tell potential supporters that Federal Deposit Insurance must be cast out the window? Will he face the 479,829 patrons of failed banks, who received payment in full of their life savings, and tell them that the agency which, without ado, retrieved their losses, is a needless waste of federal revenues? Now, will he?

AND BRUCE BARTON, will the handsome New Yorker, whose ingenuity in the field of business has amassed an enviable fortune, stand before the 2,200,000 youths and unemployed war veterans who found haven and useful work in the hundreds of camps broadcast over America, and condemn the Civilian Conservation Corps? Now, will he?

THE WIDELY-TALKED Tom Dewey, whose unrelenting war on New York's prolific rackets seems to have earned for him a top-flight ranking among Republican possibilities for the Presidency, may be called upon to do battle against another "vicious" agency which came into being during Roosevelt's reign—the Social Security Board. Will the serious young prosecutor tell old folks on the East Side, in the tenement sections of Chicago, in midwest cornfields and on the south's cotton plantations that this pension legislation undermines "American institutions of freedom"? ... that it must be consigned to the scrap-heap? Now, will he?

WILL ROBERT TAFT, son of a President and Ohio's outstanding White House possibility, proclaim from the platform his distaste, and that of his party, for the United States Housing Authority? ... another New Deal "mistake"? ... a mistake which has meant modern apartments for a multitude whose lives had been spent in drab slums "across the tracks"? Will he tell those thousands of young couples whose homes were made possible by the insured mortgage plan of F.H.A., that Roosevelt shined and the nation erred when this alphabetical monstrosity came into being? Now, will he?

WILL MR. HOOVER himself, or Mr. Hamilton, or Mr. Landon glad about the country telling all sorts of audiences that the Reconstruction

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SALES OF BEER AND WINE TO BE BANNED SUNDAYS LOCALLY

Substitute Bill Giving County Commissioners Power to Regulate Sale of Alcoholics is Passed by the House; Applies to Number of Counties

The house of representatives on Tuesday passed a bill to give the county commissioners regulatory powers over the sale of wine and beer in Watauga and a number of other western Carolina counties. The bill is one drafted as a substitute for the Greer bone dry bill, the passage of which was urged before the finance committee by Watauga's representative.

The bill, which was reported by a special sub-committee, does not actually forbid the sale of wine and beer in the county as has been urged by Watauga county people, but it does give the counties the right to decline to issue permits for the sale of wine for consumption on the premises.

Counties are also allowed to forbid the sale of wine and beer during the hours between 12:01 a. m. and midnight on Sundays.

The bill as passed by the house applies to a number of counties in the state. Other northwestern counties included are: Avery, Ashe, Yadkin and Iredell.

The house has also passed Representative Greer's bill to incorporate the Bethel high school district in Watauga county.

MRS. EVERETTE TO ADDRESS TUTORS

Member of State Department of Instruction to Speak at Teachers Meeting

Mrs. Ruth Vick Everett of the state department of public instruction, will address the teachers of the county Saturday afternoon, April 1, at 2 o'clock. The meeting is to be held in the auditorium of the elementary demonstration school.

The different departments will meet immediately following the address to discuss grading and promotions.

This will be the last general meeting of the year and every teacher in the county is urged to be present at 2 o'clock.

World's Largest Hog Exhibited in Boone

"Big Boy," who is believed to be the world's largest hog, was on exhibition in Boone last week and was viewed by hundreds of local citizens.

The huge Poland China weighs 1,904 pounds, and was reared by Messrs. Liles and Sanders of Black Mountain. He is five years old.

The owners state that there is a prospect "Big Boy" may be exhibited at the Golden Gate exposition later in the year.

Doughton Better Returns to Work

Representative Robert L. Doughton has returned to his official duties in Washington, recovered from an attack of bronchitis and influenza.

Mr. Doughton became ill early last month and went to Florida for recuperation. He spent some time at his Laurel Springs home before returning to the capital city. Mrs. Doughton remained at Laurel Springs on account of the illness of a relative.

TO SUBSCRIBERS

Those who have recently received notices of the expiration of their subscriptions to the Watauga Democrat are urged to renew promptly, so that there may be a minimum of discontinuances.

MADRID SURRENDERS TO GEN. FRANCO

Madrid, March 28.—Nearly 1,000,000 half-famished survivors of the most terrible siege of modern times danced and embraced victorious nationalist troops in Madrid's streets tonight in celebration of the city's surrender and the end of the long Spanish civil war. Nearly three years of Spain's "little world war," which had threatened to engulf all Europe, was at its end. All that remained for Generalissimo Francisco Franco's nationalists was to mop up a wedge-shaped area extending east and south to the Mediterranean coast.

Negro Slayer's Counsel



New York City.—Miss Estelle B. Barb, an attractive brunette only 23 years old, astonished the judge, attendants and spectators in the court of general sessions when she stepped forward to defend James Pryor, young negro, on a murder charge. She had been retained by friends of the accused man, she said, and had been a member of the bar since last May. She was graduated from Brooklyn Law School with an LL.B. degree magna cum laude.

STREET PROJECT GAINS APPROVAL

\$20,000 to Be Spent in Rebuilding Sidewalks and Improving Streets of City

Mayor W. H. Gragg, Watauga county, advised the final approval of Boone's new WPA project, under which \$20,000 will be spent in the improvement of the streets and the rebuilding of the sidewalks of the city, the probability being that work on the project will begin April 12.

The project includes the rebuilding of the broken sidewalks in town, extension of certain walkways, asphalt-surfacing of macadam streets, and stone gutting of side ditches in some localities. \$1,500 is set aside to plant trees and otherwise beautify the city.

ESSAY CONTEST AT BANK CLOSES

The thrift essay contest which was recently conducted by the Northwestern Bank, closed on March 25, according to Cashier W. D. Farthing, who states that due to the fact that more than one thousand essays were turned in, judges will not be able to announce the winners before the end of the first or second week in April.

The contest was open to high school students of Watauga county and cash prizes to be distributed to those writing the best essays centering about some specific reason for saving money.

EVERGREENS AVAILABLE AT CITY HALL SATURDAY

Mayor W. H. Gragg states that a good supply of evergreens and other plants will be available to residents of the town at the city hall next Saturday. Canadian and Carolina hemlock, red laurel and other decorative plants, thrifty and nursery grown will be offered at less than 50 per cent of the usual price, in order to encourage the beautification of the town.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY PASSES PHOTO LAW

Raleigh, March 28.—The house tonight passed Senator Gray's bill to exempt bona fide press photographers and amateurs from the licensing provisions of the state photographic law. The bill now is to be ratified as law.

It allows press photographers to sell negatives and prints made on regular assignments and also allows amateurs to sell prints and negatives but forbids solicitation for sales.

COVE CREEK BOYS WIN BASKETBALL LETTERS

Banner Elk, March 28.—Vance Henson, Hoy Isaacs and Ben Horton, all of Cove Creek, have won letters in basketball at Lees-McRae College this year, and were recently initiated into the Monogram Club, organization for lettermen in athletics. All three boys were outstanding on the Cove Creek high school basketball team last year.

DEMOCRATS NAME CITY CANDIDATES

Convention to Be Held Tonight to Select Candidates for Municipal Offices

The Democrats of the town of Boone will gather in nominating convention at the courthouse Thursday evening for the purpose of naming candidates for mayor and three members of the board of aldermen. While the Republicans have not called their convention, it is said that they will nominate their candidates almost immediately following the action of the Democrats.

The election has been called by City Clerk G. K. Moose and will be held on Tuesday, May 2, at the city hall. J. C. McCinnell will be the registrar, while Joe Crawford and J. E. Holshouser will act as judges of election.

The registration books will open on the 8th of April and will remain open until and including April 22. Challenge day will be observed on April 29.

Deacons, Pastors To Gather Monday

The monthly meeting of the Baptist pastors and deacons will be held Monday, April 3, at 2 o'clock at the Boone Baptist church. Rev. Vilas Minton and W. G. Hodges, who constitute the program committee, release the following outline of the meeting:

Devotional—Rev. W. J. Cook. "Are we pastors exercising enough care and judgment when dealing with applicants for church membership?" W. D. Ashley.

"Are we ever-anxious to secure new members without due regard to their qualifications?" G. A. Hamby. "Are we not anxious to evangelize?"

M. Edmisten. "Financial support of Christ's Kingdom. Who should help finance?" J. C. Canipe.

All open discussions.

Merchants, Chamber Commerce Banquet

The possibility of establishing a bulky tobacco market here, the question of inducing some hosiery mill to locate in town and the building of a golf course will occupy the attention of members of the Chamber of Commerce and Merchants Association when the two organizations gather in banquet session April 11. The complete program for the evening has not been worked out, but the local newspaper next week will carry the details.

In connection with the session the local retailers will hold a pep meeting on account of the annual Treasure Hunt which is to be announced on April 13. Advertising matter, trade tickets, etc., are to be distributed at this time.

New Books Needed For County Library

The Watauga county public library is steadily growing in circulation, but there is a great need for new books. The library committee is sponsoring a drive for funds to start a "memorial shelf."

You may choose your own book or the library can select it. A plate will be placed in the book to designate the donor and the name of the person in whose memory the book is given.

Rev. Paul Townsend, chairman of the committee, urges everyone in the county to co-operate in this drive, for in what better way can you honor the memory of a loved one than by promoting a worthy cause?

Q. C. KING DIES

Mrs. J. M. Moretz of Boone, has received a telegram announcing the death of her uncle, Mr. Q. C. King, who succumbed in Seattle, Wash., on the 13th, at the age of 78. Mr. King was reared in Watauga county and visited here four years ago. Further details of his death were not given.

Trade-In-Boone Days This Week

Thursday, Friday and Saturday of this week have been designated by the Merchants Association as Trade-In-Boone days and several advertisements in the Democrat today are devoted to special offerings on this account. Special bargains will be offered on a city-wide scale and many shoppers are expected to converge upon the business district.

Ninety Miles R. E. A. Lines Energized In Watauga Area

Authority in Bohemia



Prague—General Johannes Blaskowitz, who was appointed by Adolf Hitler as the "supreme authority" in Bohemia, which includes Prague. This announcement came soon after German troops entered into Czech territory.

BOARD EDUCATION GETS APPOINTMENT

Members of Local School Body Are Named to Four and Six-Year Terms

Members of the Watauga county Board of Education will be appointed to serve for terms of four and six years, rather than for two years, as heretofore, according to the provisions of the omnibus bill, which was received by the house of representatives Friday afternoon, and all the members of the present board have been recommended by Representative Greer, in accordance with the action of the Democratic county convention last year.

C. C. Triplett, W. C. Walker and Chappel Wilson are being named for terms of four years each, while J. B. Horton and Clyde Perry are to serve for six years.

Baptist Training Union Meets Here

The Baptist Training Union convention will be held at the First Baptist church here Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock and will continue until Saturday afternoon.

All churches of the Three Forks Association are urged to send delegates. A good program has been arranged, with inspirational speakers and instructors. The convention is open to all whether sent by a church or not.

FINLEY THOMAS BROWN

Finley Thomas Brown, aged 38 years, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Brown of Boone, died March 22, at Jamestown, Tenn., where he had resided for fifteen years, and where he was station agent for the Onida and Western Railway Company.

Funeral services were conducted from the Oak Grove Baptist church near Boone last Saturday morning, Rev. D. M. Edmisten being assisted in the rites by Rev. E. C. Hodges. Interment was in the Fine cemetery, members of Snow Lodge No. 363, A. F. & A. M., being in charge.

Mr. Brown was married to Miss Mary Ethel Danner December 24, 1925. He professed faith in Christ and united with the First Baptist church at Jamestown, Tenn., May 4, 1935, and remained faithful until death. He was a member of the Masonic fraternity.

Surviving are the widow and one son, Billy Thomas, together with the parents. The following brothers and sisters also survive: Roy, Stewart and Olin, Sugar Grove; Mack and Kenneth, Boone; Mrs. Emma Tate, Mrs. Mattie Norris, Boone; Mrs. Myrtle Beach, Bluff City, Tenn.; Mrs. Daisy Hardy, Mrs. Ester Hodges and Miss Alice Brown, Boone.

WILLIAM P. HALE AT APPALACHIAN COLLEGE

William Powell Hale, nationally known for his impersonations, will appear at the college auditorium in a most entertaining program Saturday evening at 8 o'clock.

The general public is cordially invited to be present. There is no admission charge.

Flip of Switch at Bailey's Camp Brings Electric Service to Large Number Rural Homes Current to Be Available to 1,000 Farmers in Next Two Weeks

Rural electrification became an actuality in Watauga county Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock, when 90 miles of transmission lines were energized as a switch was thrown in the vicinity of Bailey's Camp. The principal transmission line is now carrying electricity bought from the Duke Power Co. to Perkinsville, in suburban Boone.

Mr. Harry Dewar, REA engineer, states that the entire project will be energized within the next two weeks and electric current made available to 1,000 farmers residing near the 183-mile line. Meantime wiring contractors are inspecting their wiring jobs and other crews are inspecting transformers, etc. All the contractors have been notified to visit each farm home wired in an effort to discover any defects which might exist.

More than 400 Wataugas have wired their homes through the REA loan fund provided for the purpose, and \$24,000 has thus been used.

Mr. Dewar states that 35 miles of lines in Ashe county will be ready for the current about the middle of May, construction having been started in that area on March 13.

Democratic Rally in Albemarle Friday

A district Young Democratic Jeffersonian rally is to be held in Albemarle on Friday night, March 31, and A. J. Qualls, Boone attorney, has received a number of tickets for the event to be offered to interested Watauga patrons.

A barbecue at the armory at 7:30 will start the rally, after which Bob Thompson, secretary to Governor Hoey, will deliver the principal address. Dancing will follow, and the program represents a well-rounded evening's entertainment.

Tickets, which may be secured at the Carolina Pharmacy or at the Watauga Democrat office, are \$1.50 each, and Mr. Qualls would like to know at once how many can go from Watauga, so that the necessary reservations may be made.

Rev. Dan Graham Is Visitor to City

Rev. Dan Graham, Blountville, Tenn., evangelist, together with Rhea Anderson and Rev. Boyd, visited for a short while in Boone Tuesday, the party being en route to Kingsport, Tenn., from Lenoir.

Mr. Graham states that it is possible that he and his party will return either to Boone or Blowing Rock a little later on in another revival meeting.

WILKES COMMISSIONERS TO BE NAMED BY DISTRICTS

Raleigh, March 28.—Democrats of Wilkes county today got the final approval of the general assembly on their plan to so divide the county that it will be, in their opinion, impossible for Republicans to elect more than one member of the board of county commissioners.

Final approval was passage by the senate, despite an earnest appeal from Republican Senator Cowles, of a bill introduced "with pleasure" last week by Democrat Frank Woodhouse of Yadkin.

The bill, now ready to be ratified, provides for election of the Wilkes board of commissioners by district from each of the three districts and sets bounds of these districts.

On the basis of the average vote cast in the 1932 election, district one was about 800 Democratic, district 2 from 295 to 350 Democratic, and district 3 about 1,400 Republican.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Teague of Asheville, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Greene, a son on Thursday, Mrs. Teague is 19, while the father is 75. On the following day Mr. Teague's mother-in-law, Mrs. Ethel Story, gave birth to a son. The father-in-law is only 47.

Mr. Craig Holler, local grocer, is expected to return to his work today after having been confined with influenza.