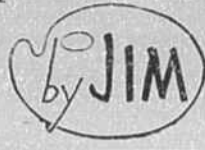


## SKETCHES from Capital LIFE



WASHINGTON, D. C.—"Scare-heads" in the nation's press have blatantly proclaimed that, for the first time in history, America's public indebtedness, swollen to almost twice its 1933 level by President Roosevelt's sweeping program of reform, has jumped beyond the \$40,000,000,000 mark . . . in any man's language an obligation of almost unbelievable proportions. Reactionary politicians "view with alarm"; commentators deplore a "fiscal situation which is sure to lead to inflation or national bankruptcy," and we profess to know naught of high finance, just scratch our heads in bleary-eyed wonderment.

STORIES WHICH RECORD the assets in Uncle Sam's financial statement are usually to be found way back in the "classified," under headings far less conspicuous . . . but they, indeed, are straws of sunlight to pierce the Stygian clouds. One of these items indicates that excess reserves in banks affiliated with the Federal Reserve system now total \$3,719,000,000—an all-time high—and make possible a credit expansion of \$30,000,000,000 under recognized ratios. Another item—inconspicuous as the former—tells of bank deposits passing an all-time high record. Still another reveals that foreclosures of farm mortgages dropped to 14 per thousand, as compared with 34 foreclosures per thousand in 1937. And among other items, many of which reflect a steady upward swing, is a report of the Department of Labor that industrial payrolls are on the climb again, and that the cost of living is gradually being reduced.

MAYBE THESE ITEMS are not really "news." We think differently. Even an elementary student knows that the "assets" and "liabilities" must be catalogued, side by side, before one can actually arrive at a fair determination of a nation's financial condition. But there are still lots of good newspaper men who by everyday practice indicate a theory that "real news" can only be found on the ledger's debit side!

A LONG TIME AGO Bob Reynolds planted a kiss—fatherly or otherwise—on the pretty lips of the late-lamented Jean Harlow. Men-folks generally, those of the red-blooded variety, were inclined to agree with North Carolina's junior senator that kissing the blonde cinema queen was to be considered an accomplishment . . . in fact, some of the boys turned green with pure envy. But the tabloids made an awful stir about it, and there were a few of the gentry, particularly those not so young and active, who uttered harsh words against Asheville Robert in the 1938 nominating primary . . . words of condemnation for that brief but probably pleasant "buss."

TIME MARCHES On, and with it the sedate membership of the upper house of congress. Movie actresses and college beauties regularly pay visits to the capitol. They come prepared to inflict or bestow a kiss on a senator, a vice-president, or maybe an ordinary representative—that's the way it appears—and all for benefit of newspaper photographers. Nowadays, Washington journals carry "likenesses" of Jack Garner embracing a luscious Smith senior; Tom Connolly laying an enthusiastic lip-massage on the soft cheek of Dancer Eleanor Powell; of Bennett Champ Clark necking a Missouri contest winner . . . right on the capitol steps, scene of the "Reynolds sacrilege." Yes, they've about all been kissed, so it seems, but Carter Glass, Shirley Temple and Edna Mae Oliver.

Senator Reynolds may or may not be successful in his efforts to bar the alien and thoroughly revamp existing immigration laws. Time must of necessity be the judge in this respect. But he certainly started a fast-moving program of . . . well, you might call it "senator osculation."

PONCE DE LEON and a band of adventurous Spaniards once landed  
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## ESSAY CONTEST WINNERS GIVEN

Much Interest Shown in Competition of Northwestern Bank; the Winners

The Northwestern Bank received a deluge of essays on saving money for some definite purpose, during the contest which recently closed, and at the end of which high school students of the county were awarded prizes for their efforts.

The winners in the different schools follow.  
Bethel: First prize, \$5.00, Margaret Perry; second prize, \$3.00, Aileen Greene.

Blowing Rock: First prize, \$5.00, William Klutz; second, \$3.00, Shirley Moody. At Blowing Rock honorable mention is made of the essays by the following, in the order given: Jackie Gregg, James Harris, Fae Ford.

Boone: First prize, \$5.00, Jessie Timmons; second, \$3.00, Ruth Isaacs. Honorable mention in the order given: Louise Taylor, Pauline Wilcox, Margaret Hardin.

Cove Creek: First prize, \$5.00, Harold Mast; second, \$3.00, Della Welch. Honorable mention in the order given: Mack Miller, Claude Calloway, Glenn Farthing.

Elkland: First prize, \$5.00, J. D. Miller; second, \$3.00, Lovely Miller. The five winners in the county will be judged by another group of judges, after which time the winner of the \$10 prize will be announced.

## LATE NEWS BRIEFS

### \$100,000,000 RELIEF BILL PASSED SENATE

Washington, April 11.—The senate tonight passed and sent to the White House a bill for the relief of unemployed persons, which would make possible a credit expansion of \$100,000,000 under recognized ratios. Another item—inconspicuous as the former—tells of bank deposits passing an all-time high record. Still another reveals that foreclosures of farm mortgages dropped to 14 per thousand, as compared with 34 foreclosures per thousand in 1937.

### ALIENS CLIPPED FROM RELIEF ROLLS

Washington, April 7.—Colonel F. C. Harrington, works progress administrator, reported today 45,500 persons had been dropped from WPA rolls under the new law barring aliens from further employment on projects. He said it was anticipated about 10,000 of those dismissed would become eligible for reinstatement by complying with the requirement persons employed by WPA file affidavits testifying as to their citizenship status. Those who failed to file this statement were dropped March 6.

### SENATOR J. HAM LEWIS DIES SDDENLY

Washington, April 9.—Senator James Hamilton Lewis, Democrat, of Illinois, pink-whiskered veteran of more than half a century of politics, died tonight of a heart attack. The colorful statesman whose imposing appearance and silver-tongued oratory were familiar to thousands of Americans, succumbed at Garfield hospital. Lewis returned from Chicago, where he had taken part in the campaign for re-election of Democratic Mayor Edward J. Kelly, and was immediately carried to the hospital. It was believed he was suffering from an old respiratory ailment and he was resting well until shortly before his death.

### DRAFT EVADER COMING HOME

New York, April 10.—After 19 years of exile in Germany, Grover Cleveland Bergdoll, the World War draft dodger, is coming home because he wants to live here and see his children become good Americans. His pretty German wife, Berta, who arrived today with four of their five children, said Bergdoll was homesick and anxious to restore himself to his former status by serving the five-year sentence imposed on him by an army court martial for evading military service.

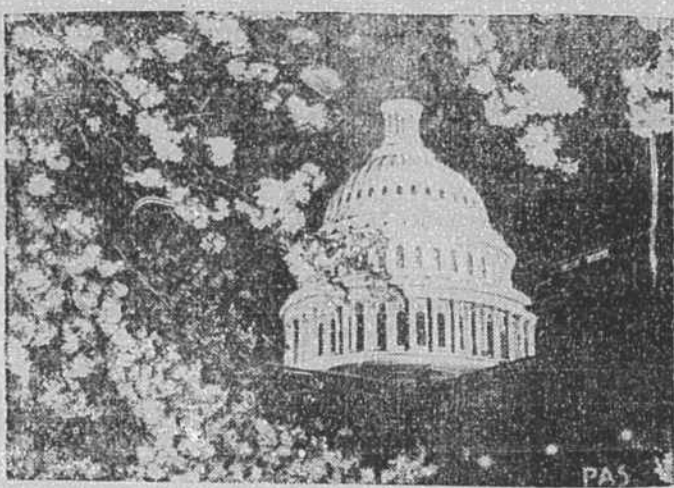
### KELLY RE-ELECTED MAYOR OF CHICAGO

Chicago, April 4.—Mayor Edward J. Kelly, leader of the city's powerful Democratic organization, won re-election tonight by defeating Dwight H. Green, aggressive young Republican who based his campaign on a promise to "redeem Chicago from machine rule" and a pledge of strict economy. Returns from 3,620 of the 3,648 precincts gave Kelly 808,862 and Green 630,967.

### OPERA TO BE GIVEN AT BLOWING ROCK

An operetta, "Goldilocks Adventure," will be presented by the primary grades in the Blowing Rock school auditorium on Thursday evening, April 13, beginning at 7:30. Admission will be 10c and 20c.

## Famous Cherry Blossoms in Bloom



Washington, D. C.—A night view of the capitol dome as it appears framed through the Japanese cherry blossoms which are now in full bloom.

## Annual Treasure Hunt To Begin Here Next Saturday

The Boone Merchants Association is today announcing its second annual treasure hunt, which gets under way next Saturday and which will culminate Wednesday, May 17th, with the distribution of an imposing list of prizes by the participating merchants.

The business men who are taking part in the novel sales event are furnishing prizes valued at \$150.00 or more, and on Saturday of this week, these prizes will be displayed in the windows of the different shops, together with complete information concerning the treasure hunt. The prizes include a wide variety of valuable and useful premiums offered, and to find out how much fun is going to be afforded in their distribution.

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## RECENT MARRIAGE ACT NOW IN EFFECT

### Several Applicants for Marriage Licenses Failed to Meet the Statutory Requirements

Miss Helen Underdown, Register of Deeds, states that the new marriage laws, which went into effect on Monday of last week, are little understood in the county, as is evidenced by several couples who recently sought licenses, without having first made compliance with the statute. In order that there may be no further misunderstanding, the text of the new law is being published herewith:

### Section 1. No license to marry shall be issued by the register of deeds of any county to a male or female applicant therefor except upon the following conditions:

The said applicant shall present to the register of deeds a certificate executed within seven days from the date of presentation showing that, by the usual methods of examination made by a regularly licensed physician, no evidence of any venereal disease in the infectious or communicable stage was found. Such certificate shall be accompanied by the original report from a laboratory approved by the state board of health for making such tests showing that the Wassermann or any other approved test of this nature is negative, such tests to have been made within two weeks of the time application for license is made.

Furthermore, such certificate shall state that, by the usual methods of examination made by a regularly licensed physician, no evidence of tuberculosis in the infectious or communicable stage was found.

And, furthermore, such certificate shall state that, by the usual methods of examination made by a regularly licensed physician, the applicant was found to be not subject to epileptic attacks, an idiot, an imbecile, a mental defective, or of unsound mind.

Sec. 2. Exceptions to the above section are permissible only under conditions hereinafter named:

(a). When the medical history and physical examination of either applicant shows syphilis to be present, or when the laboratory test for syphilis is positive, and provided both applicants are informed that syphilitic infection is present, certificate may be issued and license granted only in the following instances: (1). When the applicant with syphilis has been under continuous weekly treatment with adequate dosage of standard arsenical and bisulfide.  
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## Sanford Martin Addresses Chamber Commerce; Plan Burley Warehouse Here

## FOUR PRISONERS FLEE CO. BASTILE

### Sheriff's Officers Return Two Escapes to Jail; Prisoners Manage to Unlock Doors

Four prisoners in the Watauga county jail gained their liberty Monday night, the sheriff's family not knowing of their escape until breakfast time Tuesday morning. It is not known how the prisoners managed to unlock the cell doors, as all the keys to the jail were in the hands of the sheriff.

The four men who made their getaway were Dell Richardson, being held on larceny charges and for dry law violations; Laney Woods and Wiley Greene, who are said to have burglarized the store of Hayes Wellborn near the Wilkes county line a few days ago, and Sam Clarke, taken here a few weeks ago as he attempted the larceny of Roy Keplar's automobile. Clarke was also found to be an escapee from the state prison at Raleigh, and his fingerprints also revealed him to be a fugitive from the state parole board of Iowa. Sheriff's officers captured two of the prisoners, Woods and Greene, in the woods near Brownwood about noon Tuesday. So far Richardson and Clarke have not been apprehended.

## New Oil Station is Being Built

The Farmers Hardware & Supply Company owners of the main street property, which formerly was occupied by the W. L. Bryan home, have begun the erection of a service station thereon, which is under long-term lease to the Sinclair Oil Company. The building is being constructed of stone, will be finished in white stucco, and besides being modernly equipped for dispensing gasoline and oil, will have facilities for washing, greasing and polishing automobiles. The structure will represent the last word in filling station architecture, and will cost around five thousand dollars.

## BLISTER RUST CAMPAIGN IS BEING CONDUCTED

Mr. Robert W. Scott of Bolton, is the supervisor for a county-wide blister rust campaign which is now being waged in this area, with Mr. Henry Mast the foreman of the project, on which thirty men are now employed. The campaign started February 27 and is expected to be finished by July 1. An intensive effort is being made to rid the county of gooseberry and currant bushes, on which the blister rust originates and from which spreads to the white pine forests. Reports are that in some areas of the country, the white pine has become extinct same as the chestnut tree, and the local campaign is aimed at the prevention of such a condition in this county.

Messrs Scott and Mast state that the people of the county are co-operating splendidly in the work, and they state that every effort is being made to take care of the property of farmers, fences are not damaged, and nothing molested except the disease-bearing shrubs.

## BROTHER OF BOONE LADY DIES IN ILLINOIS

News reaches Boone of the death of Herbert W. Elliott, aged 58, a brother of Mrs. David Allison of Boone, which occurred in Springfield, Ill., following an illness of two months. Following funeral services from the late residence the body was interred in Glen Haven Memorial Park. Mr. Elliott, who was the proprietor of the Mecca Cafe for 23 years, was a prominent sportsman of his city. He was affiliated with various sports organizations, a member of the Order of Eagles and of the Elks. He was a member of the Bloomingburg Methodist church.

## SELLS MANY AUTOS

Mr. W. Ralph Winkler, local automobile dealer, has received a telegram from the zone manager of the Buick Motor Co., Atlanta, Ga., congratulating him upon his high sales record for the month of March.

## Winston-Salem Editor in Inspiring Deliverance; Chances of Establishment Burley Warehouse in Boone Grow Brighter; Golf Course Proposal is Discussed and Treasure Hunt Announced at Banquet

Sanford Martin, editor of the Winston-Salem Journal, was guest speaker at a joint meeting of the Boone Chamber of Commerce and the Retail Merchants Association held in the high school building Tuesday evening. About 75 business and professional men attended the banquet meeting.

Herman W. Wilcox presided as chairman of the commerce body and presented Mayor W. H. Gragg, who introduced the speaker of the evening as "one of the best friends Watauga and the entire northwestern section of Carolina has ever had." Mr. Gragg spoke of the fight in which Mr. Martin has been actively engaged for Appalacian College, for the completion of the splendid highway system in the Lost Province region and for the promotion of the general welfare of the northwest.

Referring to Appalacian College as the pacesetter in the procession of progress in this locality, Mr. Martin referred to the institution as being "the pride of North Carolina," and said this institution and other developments in the northwest had come through unity of the people, and their living together in friendship and cooperation.

"The people of North Carolina need confidence," said the editor, referring to the fact that the Pilgrim fathers did not ask security or guaranteed profits—they wanted freedom. The Confederate veterans, he said, returning at the close of the Civil War, started the building of the southern empire with only their innate courage and confidence to support them. While Daniel Boone did not require any sort of protection as he braved the perils of the wilderness. Likewise, he averred, courage and confidence on the part of the people will overcome the present-day obstacles in the path of progress.

"The United States is the most stable government on earth," said the speaker, "and democracies will not perish. In the nineteenth century, the fight was between democracy and the divine right of kings. Today the struggle is between democracy and the totalitarian state. Democracies will again survive, and we shall live to see the end of dictators."

Declaring that the citizens of the south should be the most confident, Mr. Martin referred to the region as the nation's economic opportunity No. 1. Because of the high quality of leadership North Carolina has lead the group of southern states for the past 25 years, he said, as he lauded the past legislature for not having curtailed the activities of any of the state's important departments or services.

"North Carolina," said the speaker, "ranks 42nd among the states in per capita wealth and per capita income. This condition must be changed." The solution to this problem, in the opinion of the speaker, lies in the development of the tourist business, which is the nation's second largest source of revenue. In 1937, he said North Carolina first began to advertise herself, and there were 35,000 replies from every state in the union and several foreign countries. The tourist business now reaches \$60,000,000 in the state as compared with half that amount in 1926, and with continued effort the industry will soon be worth \$100,000,000, he said.

Mr. Martin spoke of the Chamber of Commerce as one of the great forces in the attraction of visitors to the state and referred to its three new talking points. The Great Smoky Mountain Park, which before its opening, is second only to one park in the number of visitors; the scenic parkway, over which 1,000,000 people are expected to travel the first year after it is opened, and the great Seashore Park in the region of Cape Hatteras.

"The frontier of the United States is no longer west of the Mississippi, it is on the borderlands of the south," said the speaker, "and the pioneers who are traveling in autos rather than in covered wagons are coming. It is up to 'the best balanced state in the union' to attract as many of these travelers as possible."

Business Session  
Following the address of Mr. Martin, the Chamber of Commerce went  
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