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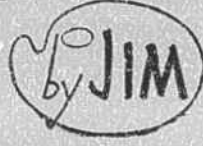
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SKETCHES from Capital LIFE



WASHINGTON, D. C.—After a century or so of restriction, the youth of both major parties has deserted back seats in the political arena and muscled its way to the ringside. Even the United States senate, for about all time the cloistered sanctum of grey or balded veterans, has been invaded by fledglings barely rid of adolescent fuzz; and the lower house of congress is working alive with fresh-from-college youngsters.



Jim Rivers Young Democratic organization. Matters of state and national import, in days gone reserved for the serious deliberation of doughty party sages, are giving frequent airing to the accompaniment of swaying bands and tinkling glasses. Effervescent youth, sick and tired of behind-the-scenes obscurity, is definitely out in the open, struttin' its stuff!

NEXT YEAR WILL witness another of those ever-recurring primaries for the selection of a Democratic congressional candidate in this

State, by using such hazy procedure from some eastern county. Lindsey Warren of the first district, who, along with Representative Bob Doughton, is considered one of the ten most useful members of congress, would make a prime candidate but venal wishful thinkers admit that the crafty Beaufort statesman would be silly, indeed, to trade a position which may ultimately lead to the speakers' dais of the lower house of the national assembly for the governorship of any man's state. Then there are those names that perennially attach themselves to political speculation. Raleigh's Lawyer Broughton, Lieutenant Governor Horton, Charlie Johnson, Allen J. Maxwell of the revenue department, and a flock of lesser fry, any or all of whom might, if pressure were applied, willingly reverse the late Calvin Coolidge's ultimatum to the Grand Old Party... and "choose to run."

THERE'S ONE FELLOW who at the moment figures big in long-range prophecy... a fellow who from cradle days has made deep study of the intricacies of public preferment, and who could, in all probability, set the party's younger element afire, all the way from Manteo to Murphy. Thirty-five-year-old Libby Ward of New Bern, crafty enough to capture the speakership of the lately-adjourned state assembly, from undeniably astute legislators, came to the capital last week, and following his brief stay a lot of the wisenheimer's nodded their knowing heads and whispered it about that "there goes your next governor." Capability is one thing... knowing how to get a job is another. Young Ward, sober as a judge, persevering campaigner, comfortably fixed in a financial way, orator of no mean ability and just a trifle on the ambitious side, is likely to be in there scrappering this time next year... and it's not without the realm of probability that he'll exchange the distinguished title of "speaker" for the exalted sobriquet of "gubner." His friends will tell you that he knows how to get things, and that he's smart enough to handle about any job, once it's got.

MOORESVILLE'S CON JOHNSON like Banquo's venerable ghost, is always popping up when things political are discussed by North Carolina Democrats. Last year defeated for the house by Iredell's affable Zeb Vance Turlington, the hard-riding Johnson might be willing to become his party's choice for the lieutenant governorship in 1940. Stepping round amongst his Washington friends a few days ago—the scars inflicted by "North Carolina's Volstead" healed and all but forgotten—the former legislator who once felt it might not be such a bad idea to toss Dr. Ralph McDonald from a capitol window left the impression that he wouldn't mind becoming number two candidate on the state ticket. Active in Young Democratic circles with an excellent chance of annexing unknown thousands of votes from his Legion buddies, staunch Hoey man in the as-

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TEACHERS FOR COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM NAMED

List of Instructors for Eight School Units Announced by Superintendent W. H. Walker; Blowing Rock District Incomplete

The list of faculty members elected for the eight school units in Watauga county for the 1939-40 school year, was announced Tuesday by County Superintendent W. H. Walker. The complete roster of teachers with the exception of Blowing Rock district, is as follows:

District 1
Boone high school: E. S. Christenbury, principal; Mrs. Francis T. Christenbury, Mrs. Martha M. Rivers, Miss Lucille Miller, Herbert W. Wey, Gordon A. Nash (college), Kelley G. Miles, A. Frank Hanrick, Mrs. Glina B. Brown, Orby Southard.

Boone demonstration school: John T. Howell, Miss Eula Todd, William Cole (college), Miss Lavinia B. Taylor, Harry B. Heflin, Lee F. Reynolds, Edwin Rivers, Miss Ella Mae Austin, Miss Clyde Mae Goodman, Mrs. Annie S. Clay, Miss Ruth Robinson, Miss Frena M. Fleming, Miss Myrtle Brandon (college), Miss Martan Lisor (college).

Howard's Creek: Mrs. Bessie S. Crawford, Miss Maggie E. Moretz.
Rutherford: John Idol, Mrs. Ruby Shull Michael.

Miller: Mrs. Eula C. Cowles.
Rich Mountain: Mrs. Walmetta R. Norris.

Bamboo: Roy Dotson, Mack Cowles, Mrs. Lucy H. Gorie.

District 2
Green Valley: Albert W. Michael, Mrs. Jackson, Miss Lora Mast.
Rowe: Mrs. Ruby F. Church.
Wineberger: Olin G. Wineberger, Miss Louisa Lookbill.

Riverview school: Miss Elizabeth Taylor.
District 3
Deep Gap: Donald C. Thompson, Mrs. Olla T. Thompson, Miss Edith Walker, Mrs. Lucy G. Lather, Mrs. Mary Wellborn.
Castle school: D. L. Bingham.
Stony Fork: Mrs. Lola T. Moretz, Mrs. Leona L. Moretz.
Mt. Paron: I. T. Bingham.
Elk: Mrs. Mack Cowles, Mrs. Annie Walker, Miss Pearl Cowles.
Lower Elk: Miss Mary Winkler.

District 4
Blowing Rock high: W. W. Williams, principal.

District 5
Vaile Crucis: Mrs. Dessie T. Edmisten, Ernie C. Triplett, Clint Baird, Mrs. Laura F. Church, Mrs. Pansy K. Taylor, Miss Lucille Mast.
Foscoe: Mrs. Edith F. Estes, Mrs. Susan W. Triplett.

Grandfather school: Mrs. Ruby C. Fox, Miss Chloe Michael.
Valley Mountain: Miss Lavola Carrender, Mrs. Maxie Edmisten.
Cool Springs: Russell Henson, Miss Beulah Baird.

District 6
Cove Creek high: S. F. Horton, principal; Mrs. Pearl F. Horton, Mrs. Margaret Fletcher, Miss Vanda Whicker, Miss Jennie Love, Miss Constance Shoun, Roy Ellison, Mrs. Annie Ruth Greer, Ernest Hilliard.
Cove Creek Elementary: Miss Blanche Stokes, Mrs. Gladys M.
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President Will Visit Asheville During Summer

President Roosevelt plans another trip to North Carolina in June. The occasion will be the Rhododendron Festival at Asheville and dedication of the Smoky Mountain National Park at New Found Gap at the summit of the Smokies on the line between North Carolina and Tennessee.

The President left a slight exception in his promise made to Representative Zebulon Weaver of the 11th North Carolina district, in that it involves the date of the adjournment of congress. The President told Mr. Weaver that he felt now he would be able to visit the Land of the Sky June 21, 22 or 23, since he had mapped a schedule that took him to the Pacific coast at that time, and he could well and conveniently go by Asheville and participate in the program. The President said that he was committed to attend the San Francisco exposition and hoped to leave Washington about June 20, and that he would review the rhododendron parade in Asheville about June 21, attend the dedication at New Found Gap the next day, and then proceed by automobile to Knoxville by way of Gatlinburg, Tenn., and take his train for the Pacific coast by way of Chattanooga.

Record Vote Is Predicted In Town Election Tuesday

Political Boss



Kansas City, Mo.—Thomas J. Pendergrast, nationally-known political boss here, indicted on charges of evading federal income taxes on \$315,000, is shown signing as he posted bond in Kansas City.

COMMERCE BODY TO MEET MAY 9

Plans Now Under Way for the Establishment of Hosiery Mill; Need of Payroll is Cited

The next meeting of the Boone Chamber of Commerce will be held May 9, according to the president, Mr. Herman Wilcox, who will announce the details of the gathering next week. Mr. Wilcox states that prospects right now seem flattering for the establishment of a hosiery mill in this community, and earnestly requests the co-operation of the business and professional men of the city in carrying out the several projects of the chamber.

"We feel," says Mr. Wilcox, "that the town needs a payroll, such as would be provided by the establishment of some manufacturing enterprise." Mr. Wilcox believes that Boone is an ideal location for a number of smaller industries and solicits the inquiries of any concern which might be interested in finding a location, where the full co-operation of the people will be extended.

Mr. Wilcox extends to the people of the community his appreciation for their co-operation in the last meeting, which was held with the Merchants Association. "I feel like the meeting was a great success," he says, "and that it is only a stepping stone to greater and better things."

Revival This Week At Methodist Church

Rev. J. C. Cornett of Marion, presiding elder of the Marion district, is this week assisting the pastor, Rev. Paul Townsend, in a series of revival services at the Boone Methodist church. The services started Monday evening and will be held at 7:30 each evening throughout the week, closing with the 11 o'clock service on Sunday morning.

Mr. Cornett, who has served for 22 years in the Western Methodist conference, is known as one of the most outstanding ministers in the state. Mr. Townsend and his congregation feel most fortunate in having secured his services at this time.

Livestock Market Stockholders Meet

Those who have been engaged in organizing the livestock market for Boone, are urged to meet in the courtroom next Monday, immediately after the noon adjournment of court, at which time finishing touches will be put on the new organization. After the organization is perfected work is to start on the necessary buildings for the market, which will open on June 1.

BLOWING ROCK HI SCHOOL BACCALAUREATE SERMON

Rev. Edwin F. Troutman, pastor of Grace Lutheran church, Boone, will deliver the baccalaureate sermon Sunday, April 30, at 8 p. m. in the Baptist church at Blowing Rock.

One Thousand May Participate as Citizens Name Municipal Officials; Active Campaign is Being Waged; Republicans Say Appalachian Students Not Entitled to Registration

With the prospect that almost one thousand votes will be cast in the municipal election on May 7, members of both the Republican and Democratic parties are going into the home stretch of perhaps the most intense political campaign ever conducted for the mayoralty and membership on the board of aldermen.

Mayor W. H. Gragg, Republican, is making his third race to succeed himself, along with G. K. Moore, incumbent, and A. E. Hamby and George C. Greene, who are making their first bid for public office. The Democratic slate is headed by William R. Lovell, local attorney and former legislator, A. E. Hodges, incumbent, Roger W. McGuire and Lee Stout, completing the ticket as candidates for aldermen.

Up to an including Saturday, the principal effort being made on both sides of the fence consisted of an intense drive to register the voters of the city, and now that registration has closed, partisans have launched a concerted personal campaign to pledge the elector and get the votes in the ballot box. So far no public gatherings have featured the campaign.

Today the Republican candidates brought up for criticism the alleged registration of students at Appalachian College, whom they aver are not legal voters, and whose challenges are in prospect for next Saturday. They bring out only the one issue, and do not refer to the record of the present bipartisan council. Democrats, on the other hand, have no public pronouncements. The closing days of the campaign are to be plenty hot, according to the signs today.

LIME AVAILABLE ON SOIL PROGRAM

Watauga Farmers Asked to Fill Out Blanks and Secure Lime Without Cash Outlay

The farmers of Watauga county this year can obtain ground limestone on the agricultural conservation program by filling an application at the office of County Agent Harry Hamilton.

This lime is being delivered to any farm in the county where the road will permit—a five-ton load to go at \$2.00 per ton. The farmer doesn't have to pay out any money for the lime when he gets it, because the government pays the lime company and the haul bill out of the soil building allowance that is established for each farm.

Farmers may still buy their lime and get a payment back for using it, up to the limit of their soil building allowance. However, a large number of farmers are applying for the lime and having it delivered to the farm. Lime has given wonderful results on the farms in this county, and since the lime is being delivered to the farm every farmer should start using it.

STREET PROJECT TO START TODAY

Work on the street improvement program sponsored by the city in conjunction with the WPA will start today, about forty workers having been assigned to the project.

Broken sidewalks of the town are to be repaired, some new sidewalks constructed, and "black top" streets re-surfaced. Although the project is set up for six months, its sponsors are making every effort to have a large part of the work done by the height of the influx of visitors to the region in midsummer.

POSTOFFICE WORK IS GOING FORWARD

Superintendent Brown is now making splendid progress in the erection of the new federal building, and stone masons have almost finished the front wall. Work is expected to begin on the roof structure right away with the promise that the building will be completed by July.

U. S. Mother for 1939



Wooster, O.—Mrs. Elias Compton of this place, the mother of three famous sons and a daughter, who has been chosen "The American Mother for 1939" by the American Mothers' National Committee of the Golden Rule Foundation.

SHEEP SHEARING DEMONSTRATIONS

Chicagoan to Conduct Demonstrations for Benefit of Local Farmers; Market Outlook

E. S. Bartlett of Chicago, Ill., will conduct two shearing demonstrations in the county on Wednesday, May 3. County Agent Harry Hamilton announced yesterday.

The first demonstration will be held at the farm of Mr. Avery Greene in Meat Camp township at 10 a. m.

The second demonstration will be held at Mr. J. Y. Walker's farm in Laurel Creek township at 2 p. m.

Since a large number of farms in the county are electrified, Mr. Hamilton believes these shearing demonstrations are very important to all sheepmen in the county, because the easiest and quickest way to shear sheep is by the use of an electric shearing machine.

At each of these demonstrations, L. I. Case, beef cattle and sheep specialist from Raleigh, will discuss the market outlook for lambs and wool.

Mr. Hamilton and G. G. Farthing, county farm agents, who announce meetings have this to say: "It is very important that a large number of sheepmen attend these demonstrations because committeemen will be elected at each meeting to assist in marketing lambs and wool through the pool. If you are interested in learning the best method of shearing sheep, and if you are interested in obtaining the highest prices for your lambs and wool this year, do not fail to attend one of these shearing demonstrations."

"Don't forget the date—Wednesday, May 3."

BAPTIST MINISTER SUCCUMBS SUNDAY

Rev. George W. Brown, local Baptist minister, died at Watauga Hospital Sunday, where he was taken two weeks ago, after having been stricken with pneumonia. He was 69 years old.

Funeral services were conducted from the Oak Grove Baptist church near Boone Monday afternoon, by Rev. E. C. Hodges, and interment was in the Hiatt cemetery. A large number of friends of the venerable minister gathered for the rites.

Mr. Brown, who was a native of Watauga county, had been a minister of the Gospel for many years and was a fine type of citizen. He was employed on the campus of Appalachian College for perhaps twenty years, and was well known and highly respected by all the people. Survivors include the widow; two daughters, Mrs. Coy Ragan, Elizabeth, Tenn., and Joe Ann of Boone; two brothers, J. R. Brown of Zionville, and A. M. Brown of Boone; three sisters, Mrs. Tipton Greene of Boone; Mrs. Elizabeth Mockey of New York City, and Mrs. Gene Carter of Scott Bluff, Kan.

TO EMPLOY CUSTODIAN NEW BOONE POSTOFFICE

Announcement has been made that an open competitive examination is to be held to fill the position of fireman-laborer for the new Boone postoffice. The position pays \$1,260 per year.

Application blanks and further information may be secured from the secretary, Board of United States Civil Service Examiners, postoffice, Boone, N. C.

SUPERIOR COURT MAKES PROGRESS ON STATE DOCKET

Number of Cases Disposed of and State Docket May Be Cleared Away Today; Heavy Civil Calendar Will Occupy Tribunal Throughout Next Week

Judge Frank Armstrong of Troy, is presiding over the spring term of Watauga superior court, which convened Monday morning, and by this (Wednesday) morning, judgments had been handed down in a large number of indictments.

By adjournment this afternoon, it is expected that the state docket will have been entirely cleared away, after which the court will turn its attention to the civil calendar, which attorneys believe, will take the time of the court throughout next week, provided the large majority of the cases reach trial.

Following are the judgments passed up until Wednesday morning: Clyde Wheeler, failure to pay costs in drunken driving case in former court, and sentence of 45 days on roads put in effect.

Bert Church, driving drunk, 8 months on roads, suspended on payment of \$50 and costs.

Otis Harman, disturbing religious congregation, 12 months on roads, suspended on payment of cost.

R. H. Simpson, Jr., reckless driving, \$25 and costs.

Booner Grimes, reckless driving, \$25 and costs.

James Nelson, forgery, one to five years in state prison.

Mack Ward, John H. Tester, breaking and entering, 18 to 36 months in state prison.

Two other cases were docketed upon condition that he pay Mrs. Stevens \$15 per month.

Bob Gragg, violation prohibition laws, six months on roads, suspended on payment of costs.

Bowie Houck and Battle Miller, larceny, six months on roads, Buster Hardy, Vernie Phillips, larceny, 12 months on roads. Five years penitentiary sentence suspended as to each defendant, for breaking and entering for 3 years, during good behavior.

Charles Ollis Gentry, violation prohibition laws, \$100 and costs; 12 months suspended sentence.

Robert Pitts, carrying concealed weapon, six months on roads, suspended on payment of the costs.

T. H. Shull, forcible trespass, prayer for judgment, continued for two years upon payment of costs.

John Frank Miller, driving drunk, eight months on roads, suspended on payment of \$50 and the costs.

Bynum Barnes, larceny 2 years on roads, suspended for three years on payment of costs. Defendant placed in charge of parole officer.

Shurford Caudill, malicious damage to jail property, six months on roads, suspended on payment of \$25 and costs.

Carl Davis, larceny, pleads guilty; held for federal probation authorities.

Laney Woods and Wiley Greene, breaking and entering, two to four years in state prison.

Burt Church, driving drunk, eight months on roads, suspended on payment of \$50 and costs.

Clyde Triplett, violation prohibition laws, six months on roads, suspended on payment of \$25 and the costs.

Cless Proffit, driving drunk, eight months on roads, suspended on payment of \$50 and costs.

Bynum Norris, violation prohibition laws, 12 months on roads, suspended on payment of \$75 and the costs.

\$3,150,000 ALLOTTED TO BLUE RIDGE PARKWAY

Washington, April 25—An appropriation of \$4,500,000 for the Blue Ridge and Natchez Trace Parkways during the next fiscal year was agreed on today by the conferees handling the interior department appropriation. This means that \$3,150,000 will be available for the Blue Ridge Parkway during the fiscal year beginning July 1, and \$1,350,000 for the Natchez Trace.

NEW SERVICE STATION

Work is progressing on the new Sinclair oil station, which occupies the lot on which the W. L. Bryan residence once stood. The stone foundation has been brought up to sidewalk level and work of laying the brick will commence within a few days.

Master Billie Crawford returned to his home here this week after having visited for the past two weeks at the home of an aunt, Mrs. C. W. Briggs, of Raleigh.