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SKETCHES from Capital LIFE



WASHINGTON, D. C.—Another unscrupulous Carolinian, whose ingenuity has carried him places in railroad business, is George Ashby of Surry county. In a successful effort to prove the oft-repeated assertion that "schools are made for damfools," Ashby wriggled out of a Mount Airy classroom while still half-heartedly struggling with grade six, and got himself a small job with the Seaboard Air Line. Now, these many years later, he's assistant to the president of Union Pacific Railroad.



drawing money that is bigger than "big." One of the mainest men in the development of Sun Valley, Idaho, U. P.'s famous promotion which each winter attracts thousands of perk debutantes and sons of wealth and movie glamour gals and handsome leading men to its ski slides and hot springs, the grown-up fugitive from "book-larnin'" visited Washington last week, en route to Omaha from a visit with homefolks.

In the Nebraska city they're holding world premiere for "Union Pacific," colorful history of the first railroad to pierce the far-western wilderness. Another famous Carolinian, Cecil E. DeMille, directed this super-colossal picture, which has a definite publicity value to the railroad from which it borrowed title. . . . and George Ashby was on the job with Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer technicians during its production, just to see that things went right for his company.

Among other accomplishments in the field of rail transportation, the Mount Airy man is credited with having planned and supervised construction of the first stream-lined train placed in service by an American railroad. And, now, when they talk equipment at the Omaha offices of the Union Pacific, or discuss the varied services which have made the road America's number one "luxury passenger carrier," Ashby sits at the control table . . . and hard-bitten transportation pioneers are said to lend eager ears to his advice. Yes, that old saying is probably true . . . "smart is a don't need education; success just comes natural with 'em."

THERE ARE LOTS of fellows around Capitol Hill who boast wide acquaintanceship amongst members of congress; but there's a dusky "rubber" down in the house gymnasium who knows just about all the lawmakers . . . In an intimate sort of way, "Doctor" Bob Johnson of Mineral Springs, Texas, fetched to Washington back in 1933 by Lone Star Representative Hatton Summers and placed in charge of one of the world's most exclusive baths, has flexed a million aching congressional muscles; and, maybe, steamed a thousand pints of gin and varied potent spirits from the solonic pores of those few who occasionally bend the elbow. Masseur extraordinary, the brawny "Doctor" has given treatment to most every lumbago victim in both branches of the assembly; he's trimmed corns from the famous feet of a famous multitude, and cracked the necks of countless law-givers who in this six-year spell have found their tortured ways to his "torture board." "Doctor Bob" knows the color of individual undies, the condition of the congressional health, the sort of lives the members live, and lots of other things biographers and historians will choose to omit from their writings . . . things that even Bob, himself, "ain't-a-tattin'." And he's learned a lot about their spending habits. The smallest tip he ever received, ten cents from a mid-west congressman . . . "very unsatisfactory money"; the largest, a ten-spot from an open-hearted Texas oil man . . . "a perfect gentleman!"

GOVERNMENT BULL SESSION. The period, 9:00 to 9:30 o'clock; the date, any morning of a federal work day; the cast, seven bureaucrats from seven different states, gathered around an office desk; subject currently under discussion, "Mr. Adolph Hitler's Voluminous Message, Delivered via the Reichstag to World Democracies" . . . Said the Oklahoman: "Can't see no (Continued on page eight)"

SUPERIOR COURT NOW ENGAGED IN OXENTINE ACTION

Shell Oil Corporation Defendant in \$60,000 Damage Suit; Remainder of State Cases Tried; Divorces Granted; Court May Last Rest of Week

At press time Wednesday the superior court was engaged in taking testimony in the case of Fred Oxentine vs. Shell Union Oil Corporation in which the plaintiff seeks to recover \$60,000 as the result of the death of his wife and infant son, when an oil can held by the deceased exploded as an effort was made to kindle the fire in a heating stove. The plaintiff is to argue that the fluid was purchased at a local filling station for kerosene, and was in reality gasoline, while the defense, among other points, will likely deny the sale. The case is being watched with interest, and since a brilliant array of legal talent is represented, a hard fight is in prospect. At noon Wednesday the plaintiff was in the witness chair.

In the case of J. B. Baird vs. Larkin Pennell, involving damages as a result of an automobile wreck, the jury determined that both the plaintiff and defendant were at fault and no money was awarded.

A number of divorce decrees were granted by the court, as follows: Salvador Grimes from Clint Chimes; Jaer Edmisten from Hazel Edmisten; Rose Blovina from W. V. Blovins; Nell Carline Holder from Jay Holder; Marion Shell from Marie Shell; Louise Byland from Roby Byland; Zeb Swift from Maggie Swift; J. C. Rivers from Virginia Rivers.

There are a number of continuances, but court officials believe the term will last throughout the week.

Criminal Cases
Following are the remainder of the state cases tried and which were unreported last week:

Paul Shoun, assault with deadly weapon and reckless driving, 12 months on roads and six months suspended sentence for five years.

C. O. Gentry, violating prohibition laws, fined \$100 and costs.

John E. Miller, driving drunk, 45 days on roads.

Carl Davis, larceny of automobile, turned over to federal authorities; sentence of two years in state prison suspended.

W. E. Gorman, driving drunk, six months suspended on payment of \$50 and costs.

Alfred Church and Andrew Hunley, larceny, 12 months suspended on payment of costs.

Tom Bumgarner, violation of the prohibition laws, entered plea of guilty and case continued until next term of court.

Grady Hartley, violating prohibition laws, plead guilty and case continued.

The following defendants were called and failed to appear in court: L. L. Grantham, violating prohibition laws; Dell Richardson, violating prohibition laws and larceny; Walter Hicks, driving drunk; Roy Earp, interfering with officer; E. R. Saults, driving drunk; Coy Stansberry, larceny; Ralph Angel, jumping board bill; Bill Bumgarner, violating prohibition laws and reckless driving, two cases; Walter Bumgarner, driving drunk.

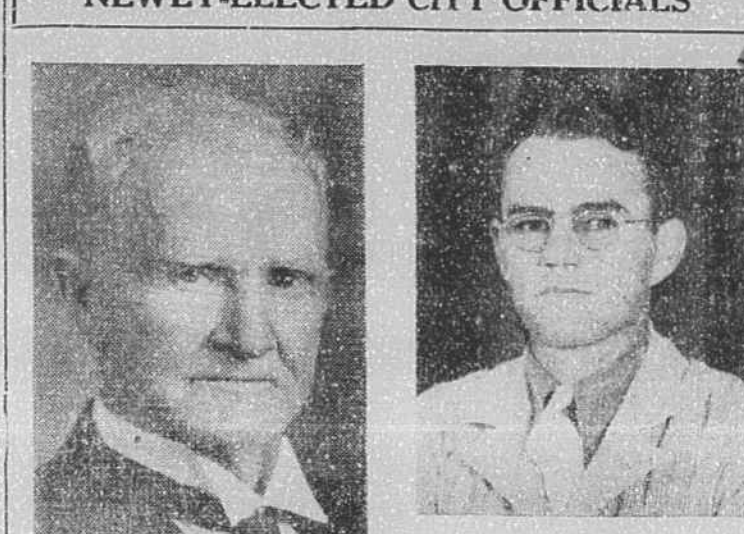
Livestock Market To Be Built Soon

At a meeting of the stockholders of the newly formulated Boone livestock market, held at the courthouse Monday, the following were named as a board of directors: Lester Carroll, W. H. Gragg, A. W. Hodgson, S. C. Ford and A. Y. Howell. The directors will meet on Thursday of this week and finish perfecting the organization, following which actual work will start on erecting the necessary structures. The market will be established in Perkinsville.

NEW AUTO SHOWROOM IS OPENED TODAY

Mr. W. R. Winkler, Buick dealer for this territory, today opens his salesrooms in the Sebastian building, opposite the old bank structure, and has new model Buicks on display as well as an impressive display of high-grade used cars. Mr. Winkler states that Buick sales are unusually heavy this spring and invites the people of this section to view the new vehicles.

NEWLY-ELECTED CITY OFFICIALS



W. R. LOVILL and LEE STOUT



A. E. HODGES and PAT MCGUIRE

Above are shown W. R. Lovill, mayor-elect, and the three new members of the board of aldermen, who won impressive victories at the polls Tuesday. The new administration is expected to assume the control of the city government on Friday.

DR. HOPE TO SPEAK AT COLLEGE FINALS FRIDAY MORNING

South Carolina Educator to Deliver Address to Large Graduating Class at Appalachian; A Capella Choir to Participate; the Complete Program

Dr. J. H. Hope, for fifteen years state superintendent of public education in the state of South Carolina, will deliver the literary address at Appalachian College Friday morning at 11 o'clock, when one hundred and nine seniors will receive their four-year diplomas. Dr. Hope is well-known in educational circles throughout the country and a large number of people from the community and surrounding territory are expected to hear his discourse, the topic of which has not been announced.

Following is the program for the commencement exercises: Processional—Class. Song, "O Worship the King"—Congregation. Invocation. Soldier Rest—A Capella choir. Address—Dr. James H. Hope. Hallelujah Chorus—A Capella Choir. Conferring of degrees and awarding of diplomas—Dr. B. B. Dougherty. Benediction. Recessional—Class.

Home Destroyed by Fire at Shulls Mills

The home of Mr. W. H. Gragg of Shulls Mills, was burned early Sunday morning, the flames likely originating from a defective flue. The home was a total loss, it is said, no insurance being in force, and little of the furnishings was salvaged. This is the second home Mr. Gragg has lost by fire, the first having been burned in 1903.

PATROLMAN STARTS DRIVE ON LIGHTS

Patrolman Carlyle Ingie, of the state patrol, said yesterday that a drive on motorists with improper car equipment is under way and warned that arrests are being made daily. The drive is particularly stressing improper lights, bad brakes and absence of other equipment which the law says must be in good working order.

COVE CREEK GYM IS RAZED BY FLAMES; BUSES ARE BURNED

\$19,000 Loss as Fire Sweeps High School Structure; Fourteen School Buses Burn; Stroke of Lightning Might Have Started Fire

The gymnasium at the Cove Creek high school and fourteen county school buses were destroyed by fire last Friday, with an estimated loss of about \$19,000. The conflagration is believed to have started from a stroke of lightning.

Although the Boone fire department was quickly summoned to the scene, the roof structure of the building was falling in when the fire-fighting apparatus arrived. Fourteen school buses, valued at \$1,000 each were being temporarily stored in the gym and were destroyed. The buses were insured and there was a two thousand dollar policy on the building.

The gymnasium had been constructed through community effort in 1933 and was a substantial frame building worth about \$5,000. The board of education in session Monday, discussed the erection of a new structure but haven't as yet formulated definite plans. It is believed, however, that the gymnasium will likely be replaced before the beginning of the school term next fall.

Beaver Dam Man Commits Suicide

A. L. Greene, aged 24, well-known citizen of Beaver Dam township, was found dead in bed at his home Friday morning, with a bullet wound in his head and a .22 calibre rifle lying nearby. It is considered a case of suicide and no inquest was deemed necessary. There was no note left, and no reason for the tragic death has been suggested.

Surviving are the parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Greene of Reese, and the following brothers and sisters: Raymond Greene, Detroit, Mich.; Clyde Greene, Reese; Mrs. Dallas Wilson, Reese; Mrs. George Switherman, Misses Mary Anna and Aurelia Greene, Reese, and Mrs. Earl Johnson of Detroit, Mich. Funeral details were unavailable.

Lovill Is Easy Winner As Democrats Elect Full Slate In City Balloting Tuesday

ROBBINS WINNER AT BLOWING ROCK

Mayor Coffey Defeated in Tuesday's Balloting; Only One Incumbent Re-elected

Grover C. Robbins, well-known theatre owner and nurseryman of Blowing Rock, was elected mayor of that town Tuesday, defeating the incumbent, D. P. Coffey, by 59 votes. The count stood: Coffey, 118; Robbins, 177. Jack Rainey, C. S. Prevette and Ben Moody were elected as aldermen. Mr. Prevette, who incidentally led the ticket, being the only incumbent to succeed himself. The vote was: Jack Rainey, 151; C. S. Prevette, 228; Ben Moody, 176; Grover Waiters, 135; Will Castle, 132; H. E. Coffey, 58. The campaign at Blowing Rock is not conducted along political lines. Two slates of candidates are named in a general mass meeting, there being no regard to the political affiliation of any of the candidates.

A. E. Hodges, Lee Stout and Pat McGuire constitute new Board of Aldermen; Victory is Decisive as Record-breaking Number of Ballots Are Cast; Campaign Was Intensive

The entire Democratic slate of candidates went into office in Tuesday's election by a record majority as more than 850 citizens participated to roll up the largest municipal vote ever recorded here.

W. R. Lovill was elected mayor of the city, succeeding the incumbent, W. H. Gragg, receiving 561 votes as against 294 for the present official. The board of aldermen on the Democratic side, likewise won by a large majority, the vote being: A. E. Hodges (incumbent), 552; Lee H. Stout, 598, and Pat McGuire, 536. The vote for the Republican aldermanic candidates stands: G. K. Moose (incumbent), 295; A. E. Hamby, 260; George C. Greens, 243.

The newly-elected officials are expected to take the oath of office on Friday, it was learned at press time. The election closed an intensive campaign, based in the closing days largely on an appeal to voters of the normally Democratic city to stand by the party. Republicans cited the record of Mayor Gragg's two past administrations, the last one bipartisan, in their campaign contentions. The only controversial issue developing was one quoted by the Republicans as to whether or not a group of college students should vote. The board ruled in favor of those challenged.

CONTRACT IS LET ON HIGHWAY 421

Kiker and Yount to Build New Approach to City at Cost of \$107,300

Kiker and Yount, Kelsville contractors, were Tuesday awarded the contract for the building of 3.85 miles of U. S. highway 421, from a point in town opposite the courthouse, in the direction of Villas, and work is to be started as soon as the equipment is on the ground, says Resident Engineer James H. Council.

The contract includes the grading, structures and black-top surfacing, and none of the present roadway will be utilized. Mr. Council states that the new highway will be in reality a "highway of tomorrow," all the quick turns are eliminated, as is evidenced by the fact that in less than four miles, one mile of distance is saved. It is hoped that this work will be followed at intervals by other contracts, so that eventually the entire distance to the Tennessee line will be traversed by a grade one thoroughfare.

Work on the new section is expected to be completed by cold weather.

Social Welfare Meet At Valle Crucis 14th

On Sunday afternoon, May 14, at 2:30 o'clock, there will be held at Holy Cross Episcopal church, Valle Crucis, a conference on community health and social welfare. The program will be as follows:

Presiding, the Rev. E. D. Butt, priest-in-charge of Holy Cross church. Address: "A survey of health and social conditions and needs in the mountain sections of our country," by Mrs. Mont Glover, chairman of the committee on Christian social relations of Holy Cross church.

Address: "How the church can take on an interest in, and further the work of, the county health department, and other social agencies of the county, state and government," by Dr. R. R. King, director of the health departments of Watauga, Ashe and Alleghany counties. General discussion on the subject of community health and social welfare.

The heads of the different social agencies of the county are invited to attend. The conference is open to the general public, and it is hoped that many will be present to take part in the conference.

TO GIVE INFORMATION ON SUMMER MUSIC CAMP

Mr. Don Richardson of the summer music camp of Queens-Chiora College in Charlotte, will be at the Daniel Boone Hotel next Sunday from 10 o'clock a. m. to 12:30. He would be glad at that time to meet any parents who are interested in having their children attend the music camp.

RECORD

Cherry, an 8-year-old Shorthorn cow, owned in England, recently set a new world's record for a year's milk production. She produced 41,644 1/2 pounds, or an average of 57 quarts a day.

Board of Education Approves Additional Teachers in County

The following is a list of teachers, janitors and bus drivers approved by the board of education at its meeting last Monday:

- Miller school: Mary Winkler.
- Blowing Rock: W. Paul Bingham, Mrs. Taft Lewis, Mrs. Kate Brown, Mrs. Clara Brown, Miss Parle Payne, Miss Beatrice Culler, Mrs. Pauline Shoemaker, Mrs. Mabel Hollar, Mrs. Emma Story.
- Cool Springs: Dewey Mitchell.
- Penley: Mrs. Belle Greene.
- Bradshaw: Miss Floy Cannon.
- Cook: Mrs. Reka Shoemaker.
- Rominger: Ford Henson (conditional).
- Bethel: Miss Edith Rudisill and Culver Dale.
- Mabel: L. H. Church.
- Blowing Rock janitor: Ross Lentz.
- Blowing Rock bus drivers: George Sludderth, Jr., O. J. Coffey, Johnnie Lentz.
- Cove Creek bus drivers: Ambrose McLean, Bethel bus driver: Clyde Greene.

Chamber Commerce Will Meet Tuesday

The Boone Chamber of Commerce will meet in banquet session at the Caro-Jean Inn next Tuesday evening at 7:30, and Hon. J. Gordon Hackett of North Wilkesboro, member of the state highway commission, will be the guest speaker. Meantime reports of various committees will be received, of principal importance being that of the committee on a tobacco warehouse, hosiery mill and golf course. A full attendance is desired.

GEORGE MILLER

George Miller, aged 52, resident of Boone Route 2, died at the home April 19, after an illness of three years. Funeral services were conducted from Hopewell Methodist church, of which the deceased had been a faithful member for eleven years. Interment was in the churchyard cemetery. Surviving are the widow, four sons and four daughters, all of whom reside at the home place: Thomas, Hansford, Malcolm, George Richard, Nancy, Lovely and Bettie Leona Miller.

WINS SPELLING HONORS

Howard Greer, 13-year-old Deep Gap boy, won honors in the spelling contest recently conducted under the auspices of the Winston-Salem Journal. Young Mr. Greer was still in the contest when all of the sixth and seventh grade entrants had been eliminated, and won a handsome dictionary.