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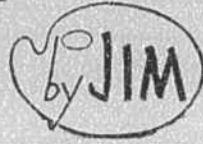
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## SKETCHES from Capital LIFE



WASHINGTON, D. C.—Friday was a day of pomp and pageantry in Washington. General Anastasio Somoza, chief executive of tiny Nicaragua, accompanied by his dark-eyed senora, arrived at Union station for a brief visit with President Roosevelt. Double lines of sleek marines, well known to Latin-American republics, stood at salute; a half-dozen bands played martial music as "good neighbor" met "good neighbor" and paraded down the avenue before five thousand troops representing almost every branch of Uncle Sam's fighting forces. War planes zoomed overhead, tanks and other devices of destruction clattered along the pavement. Not since World War days has the capital witnessed such a demonstration of force and indications are that the "play" given the visiting Latins was merely a prelude to the colossal doings in prospect when Britain's George and his queen come to Washington along in June.



Jim Rivers

A decade ago, even the Standard Oil Company wouldn't have gone to the trouble of sending out a gasoline truck to welcome a Central American president. It seems to have come to pass that European gongs-on have definitely ruffled the eagle's neckfeathers; that, despite Senator Reynolds and other isolationist members of congress, America has decided that she cannot live to herself alone. And a fellow finds it hard to dodge a conviction that the tramp of marching feet, flags flying in the breeze and bands blaring forth the strains of a Sousa masterpiece is anything but a challenge to Old World dictatorships that we on this side of the ocean are very much pleased with democratic rule. . . . that we're not yet ready to accept any of the made-in-Europe "isms."

ONE OF THE BUSIEST congressional offices on the Hill is that of Representative Arthur W. Mitchell (Ill.) first and only negro selected to the national assembly by the Democrats. A native of Chambers county, Ala., and for years an office boy of the late Booker T. Washington's, Mitchell is the lone representative of his race in the seventy-sixth congress, and a steady stream of negroes passes through his office daily. A quiet sort of fellow, the Illinois man is said to be a hard-working member, and enjoys the respect of his white colleagues, even those from 'way down South.

And speaking of negro congressmen, many of whom were elected to the lower house from Southern states during the hectic days of Reconstruction and fusion, we turn the leaves of the Congressional Directory to the name of Joseph Hayne Rainey, first (Continued on page eight)

## Local Insurance Man Leads Field in April

Frank M. Payne of Boone, general agent for the Security Life & Trust Co., of Winston-Salem, has been singled out by his company for special recognition on account of having led all the agencies during the month of April in the number of insurance policies written. Mr. Payne wrote 32 cases during the month, a Winston-Salem agent following up with 22. At the same time the Security announces that April has been a banner month for the company. There was the greatest number of applications for insurance and the largest volume of business ever received in a thirty-day period.

## Valle Crucis Is Chosen For Next Meet of Diocese

Valle Crucis was selected as the meeting place in June, 1940, of the convention of the Western North Carolina Diocese of the Episcopal church at the conclusion of the two-day session at Fletcher, N. C., last Wednesday. The Rev. E. D. Batt, rector of Holy Cross church, was named a member of the executive council of the diocese.

## POPPY DAY TO BE OBSERVED MAY 27

Plans Completed for Sale of Memorial Flower Made by Disabled Veterans

Poppy Day will be observed throughout the United States on Saturday, May 27, with the wearing of memorial poppies in honor of the World War dead. Mrs. Malinda Weaver, president of the Watauga unit of the American Legion Auxiliary, announced yesterday. The observance will be led by the Auxiliary women who will distribute poppies on the streets during the day.

More than eleven million of the little red memorial flowers have been made by disabled World War veterans working in government hospitals and in poppy workrooms maintained by the Auxiliary, said Mrs. Weaver. These flowers are crepe paper replicas of the poppies which grow on the World War battlefields and among which the dead and wounded fell. They are recognized throughout the English-speaking world as the memorial flower for those who fell in defense of democracy.

Plans for the local observance of Poppy Day are being completed by the Watauga Auxiliary unit under the leadership of Mrs. Charles L. Younce, unit poppy chairman, aided by a committee composed of Mrs. Lionel Ward, Mrs. Fred Winkler and Mrs. Weaver. Volunteer workers from the unit will offer poppies on the streets all day and will receive contributions for the Legion and Auxiliary welfare and relief work among the disabled veterans and dependent families of veterans.

Poppies for distribution here have been ordered from Oteen, N. C., where disabled veterans have been given employment through the winter and spring making the little flowers. They are expected to be worn more generally than ever before on Poppy Day this year.

Every cent of the money contributed for memorial poppies will go to aid disabled veterans and the families left in need by the death of veterans.

## SANITARY SEWER PLANS PROCEED

WPA Allots \$19,000 Toward Sewage Disposal System for Town of Boone

Information from the Works Progress administration is to the effect that approval has been given to an allotment of \$16,413 for the installation of a sewage disposal plant in Boone.

Information coming from Mayor W. R. Lovill is to the effect that the city council is giving serious consideration to the sewage proposition, and that plans are being worked on to furnish the necessary sponsor's funds. The official believes that it will be possible for the city to proceed with its part of the undertaking so that the project may be started within a reasonable length of time.

## Dynamiting Fish is Bringing Road Terms

H. Grady Farthing, district game protector, tells the Democrat that there are some reports of dynamiting fish in the county, and that every effort is being made to bring the violators before the courts.

Mr. Farthing tells of three men who were brought before the court in Alleghany county, fined \$100 each and given sentences on the chain-gang of six months each. He attended superior court in Caldwell county Tuesday, where five were tried for using powder in the streams, fined \$100 each and court costs, road sentences of six months each being suspended.

Mr. Farthing makes it plain that he and his department will prosecute to the full extent of the law any person found placing dynamite in the streams or otherwise violating the conservation laws.

## Blowing Rock to Get Dial Telephones

The index finger will figure heavily in conversation at Blowing Rock beginning June 1, when the dial system of the Bell telephone replaces the units now in use there.

Dials have already replaced the old telephones in various places, and by June 1 the system will be in full operation. The Blowing Rock operators will be shifted to other units and long distance calls worked direct from the Lenoir unit.

## NO JUNE COURT TO BE HELD IN BOONE

Governor's Office Cancels Term On Recommendation of County Commissioners

Acting in accordance with recommendations from the Watauga county board of commissioners, the chairman, Mr. Eller McNeil, has received advice from the governor's office that the June term of civil court for Watauga county has been called off for this year.

The commissioners had asked some time ago that this term be cancelled, due to the fact that the few cases which could be tried at the time would not justify the expense of holding the term.

The June term was to have started on Monday, June 12, and was to have been presided over by Judge Hubert E. Olive of Lexington.

## Camp Yonahlossee Host to Schoolmasters

The Northwestern Schoolmasters Club will be entertained Friday at Camp Yonahlossee, and Dr. A. P. Kephart, owner of the camp expects about 75 visitors for the occasion. The club is composed of members from sixteen counties, centering about Guilford, and both members and their wives are invited for dinner, bed and breakfast Friday evening.

Dr. B. B. Dougherty, president of Appalachian College, and perhaps members of his faculty will be in attendance for the dinner, and W. H. Walker, county superintendent of schools, has been invited.

Dr. Kephart is one of the charter members of the Schoolmasters Club and was for a time president of the organization.

## Laws as to Road Houses Are Cited by Board

The board of county commissioners has called attention to the new laws relative to the operation of road houses, tourist camps and the like, which require that body to issue a license for the operation of these places. The application for license shall contain: The name and residence of the applicant, the name of the owner of the premises on which the business is to be operated, that the applicant intends to carry on the business himself or under his immediate direction and that the applicant is of good character and has never been convicted of a felony involving moral turpitude, or adjudged guilty of violating the prohibition laws within a two-year period. The application must be sworn to.

Under the law which is described by the commissioners as "having teeth," requires the registration of guests at road houses or tourist camps, together with registration of the motor vehicle occupied. It is advised that all persons operating such establishments as come within the meaning of the act make their applications for licenses.

## Board of Education In Session Monday

At a special meeting of the board of education held Monday, the resignations of two teachers in the county schools were accepted—Mrs. Sarah Horton and Mr. J. B. O'Neal. At the same time approval was given to the appointment of Paul Bingham and Wheeler Farthing at Cove Creek high school; Mrs. Dora Mast, Cove Creek elementary school, and Mrs. Amy Johnson, Kellerville school.

A representative of the state school commission is to make a survey of Watauga school bus routes next week. Anyone desiring changes in bus routes should apply to the county superintendent's office next Wednesday afternoon at 2:30.

## Triplett Bats Out Three Homers Friday

Hooper Triplett, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Triplett of Watauga county, played spectacular baseball last Friday for Gastonia in that team's 13 to 5 victory over Statesville.

He drove in nine of Gastonia's 13 runs, got four hits out of five times at bat, including three home runs and a single, got home runs off three different pitchers, and in short, say sport writers, made hash of Statesville's pitching staff.

Triplett has played good baseball from the start of the season with Gastonia and his batting average stands at .400. He is a brother to Coker Triplett, big-time baseball player, who is now owned by the Chicago Cubs.

## Possible G. O. P. Presidential Candidates



Washington, D. C.—Possible candidates for the Republican Presidential nomination in 1940 were guests at the annual banquet of the American Society of Newspaper Publishers and Editors. Left to right: Senator Arthur H. Vandenberg of Michigan; Thomas E. Dewey of New York, district attorney, and Senator Robert A. Taft of Ohio.

## WILL FIX PAY FOR SCHOOL TEACHERS

Dr. Dougherty Named On Commission to Prepare Salary Schedule For Next Year

A committee to prepare a teacher pay schedule for next school year was named Thursday by the state school commission.

Lloyd Griffin, executive secretary, said the committee would report at the commission's next meeting, set for June 8.

Named to the committee were Dr. B. B. Dougherty of Boone; Clyde A. Ewitt, state superintendent of public instruction; Edwin Pace of Laurel Hill; A. M. L. Graham of Clinton; and Jule B. Warren, executive secretary of the North Carolina Education Association.

The 1939 general assembly provided funds which the advisory budget commission said would provide a ninth increment, but left distribution of the fund up to the school commission.

## Colonel Starling At Blowing Rock

Colonel Edward Starling, chief of the White House secret service, was an unexpected guest at Blowing Rock Sunday, stopping over for lunch at the Hob Nob Inn on his return to Washington from Asheville.

Oliver E. Taylor, chief of engineers of the national park service, was traveling with Mr. Starling, along with several other secret service men attached to the White House. Neither Starling nor Taylor commented on the purpose of their visit, but it was probably in view of President Roosevelt's visit to North Carolina at the dedication of the Great Smoky National Park.

## Courthouse Grounds Being Beautified

A crew of WPA workers, under the foremanship of Mr. Lee Teague, is engaged in grading the grounds about the courthouse and the new county office building, and setting out a large amount of shrubbery. The work is adding materially to the appearance of the commons, and when the lawns, which are being reseeded, are well set, the landscape will be beautiful.

The co-operation of the public in staying off the new planted areas will be appreciated by the workers and by the county officials.

## Many Taking Part In Treasure Hunt

As the Democrat goes to press today, hundreds of people are in Boone, aside from the usual crowds to attend the Boone Merchants' Association Treasure Hunt which will be staged at 2 o'clock, at the end of which more than fifty valuable prizes will be given away by the participating merchants.

Intense interest has developed in the merchandising event which was started four weeks ago, and much merriment will accompany the awarding of the prizes.

## Improvements Being Made at Oil Station

A new washing and greasing house is being constructed at the Todd Brothers Esso Service station, and will be ready for use within a few days. The new building is of brick construction and will house modern facilities for washing and greasing motor cars, making a valuable addition to the popular station.

## SUNDAY SALE OF BEER AND WINE IS BANNED IN COUNTY

County Commissioners Act Monday to Enforce Provisions of Dry Legislation Passed by the General Assembly; "On Premises" Sale of Wine is Strictly Forbidden; Sheriff Asked to Enforce Law to Best of Ability

Effective Monday of this week the Sunday sale of wine and beer in Watauga county is forbidden, pursuant to the authority granted the county board of commissioners by the last general assembly, and there will be no "on premise" license for the sale of wine in this county. The commissioners met in special session Monday and placed the Sabbath day ban against alcoholic beverages into effect.

Sale of the intoxicants is illegal between the hours of 12:01 a. m. Sunday and midnight Sunday night and in their resolutions, the commissioners requested the sheriff of Watauga county to enforce their orders to the best of his ability.

The text of the resolution as passed, which bears the signatures of Eller McNeil, chairman, C. I. Billings and Ira Edmisten, is as follows:

"It being found that the legislature of North Carolina passed an act relating to the sale of beer and other beverages in Watauga county, the law was read, and it was found that the governing body of the county has the right to prohibit the sale of beer and wine between the hours of 12:01 a. m. on Sundays and midnight Sunday night. It was also found that the governing body has the right to refuse to issue 'on premises' license for the sale of wine.

"Therefore, upon the motion of C. I. Billings, the following order was unanimously passed:

"1. That no person, firm or corporation has a right to sell beer and wine in Watauga county between the hours of 12:01 a. m. Sunday and midnight Sunday night.

"2. That the governing body will not issue license to any person, firm or corporation for the 'on premises' sale of wine.

"3. The board of county commissioners of Watauga county requests the sheriff of the county to enforce the above order to the best of his ability."

The resolution is in full force and effect as of May 15, 1939.

## Memorial Services To Be Held May 28

Under the auspices of the Watauga Post American Legion, the annual memorial services for the war dead of Watauga county are to be held this year on May 28 at the state fish hatchery, four miles east of Boone. The meeting will start at 10 a. m.

Veterans of the World War are to meet jointly with the Spanish war veterans and veterans of all the other wars. The Civil war veterans are especially invited, and will be honor guests. There are only three left in the county, Mr. Newton Banner, Mr. William H. Blackburn and J. E. Luther.

All veterans are urged to be present and to bring well-filled baskets for the picnic dinner which will be served on the grounds. Prominent speakers will feature the program and the gathering will last until evening.

## Farm Gatherings Are Being Planned

A series of meetings for farmers interested in the 1939 soil conservation program for Watauga county is being arranged by County Agent Harry Hamilton.

The purpose of these gatherings is to explain the provisions and benefits of the program for this year. It is anticipated that a large number of farmers will participate in the federal program this year.

## Work Is Started On Livestock Market

Workmen are now busily engaged in erecting the sheds and other structures at the newly-organized Watauga Livestock Market, which is located at Perkinsville. Scales have been bought and will be installed within the next few days, and it is thought possible that the market will be opened about June 7. Buildings being erected will cost something like \$2,000.

Base Librarian