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SKETCHES from Capital LIFE

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WASHINGTON, D. C.—Washingtonians are a weakly lot at breakfast time, allergic to even the fragrant odors of strong, sizzling, manly grub. A short "shot" of orange juice, a paper-thin slice of toast and the customary java is the average initial meal of those thousands who labor in the vineyard of Uncle Sam.

It wasn't so long ago, maybe twenty years . . . at least 'twas in that happy, comfortable era that preceded the advent of tomato squeezin's as a breakfast diet . . . that mountain housewives down our way leapt from the repose of featherbeds at bust of dawn, donned the gingham apron and proceeded in approved manner to the task of throwing honest rations on a rosy kitchen range, fired by her hearty spouse. Thick rashers of hickory-smoked side meat, a broad frying pan saturated with eggs fresh from the barnyard, biscuits of the flaky sort and big like the baking powder can with which they were

cut, rich cream gravy to sop 'em in, fried green apples, a bowl of rice, jelly and the like . . . these were the stout viands that soon found their way to the checkered cloth of a long table. Appetites sharpened to a keen edge by early-morning chores, the family trooped to the breakfast board . . . and fortified its collective constitution with a couple of generous helpings all around.

But, since folks got smart, there's been a change in business all around. The inhalation of food, according to modern theory, slows the processes of mind and body. The stomach is deprived that the brain, if any, may be allowed to function in oily fashion; that the work of governing America, even though there's a gnawing down around the middle, may proceed with dispatch. Gone is he, with rare exception, whose breakfasts are big and wide and handsome, and nourishing. Now it's the drug-store counter . . . a shot of juice, the coffee and toast. But there's no one to say that we, who wish to reflect on by-gone incidents, must be deprived of those happy memories of square-meal victuals at dawn, back in the unenlightened days of youth.

FRANKLIN DELANO ROOSEVELT, long the target of sophisticated capital columnists, still has his following . . . a loyal group which becomes increasingly unwilling that social reforms of the past six years should after 1940, be placed in the hands of an unsympathetic executive. So they're talking FDR pretty strongly for a third term, despite the time-honored precedent which all but forbids such a venture.

Garner's all right, so they'll tell you; Hull's a fine old fellow, Murphy's a pleasing chap, and smiling, genial Jim Farley's the "cat's ankles" . . . but there's fear, genuine fear, that neither could be elected, and doubt as to the fate of recently-enacted laws regarding old-age security, public works, et cetera, if either should reach the White House. Roosevelt, by the most of them, is looked on as a man who keeps his cards face up on the table. They know what he'll do; but with others there's always a strong doubt.

Harry Hopkins, friend of the "Boss" and ardently devoted to every thread in the intricate pattern of New Dealism, has lots of backers, here and there. A tireless worker and shrewd administrator, the commerce secretary could easily win inner-circle support . . . but most everybody knows that the former relief czar's chances would be about equal to those of the proverbial Chinaman.

So the whole thing simmers down to Roosevelt or an unnamed candidate bearing the banner of Democracy in next year's campaign. The scrawny, underfed gent with patches in the seat of his shiny trousers leans strongly toward the former, whose unstinted friendship for that ill-fed, ill-clothed and ill-housed multitude during the past six years has been amply demonstrated. And there are those who have fared better, men and women with ideals tucked away in compassionate bosoms, that lend their cheers and best wishes to a campaign which is daily gaining momentum to make it three-in-a-row for the President.

The United States Chamber of Commerce, apparent heir to the Liberty League, and the ranting, raving ranks of those who have found it easy to surround themselves with

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COUNTY SINGING WILL BE SUNDAY

Date Changed for Semi-Annual Event; Judge Johnson J. Hayes is Expected

The Watauga county singing convention will be held at the Graham tabernacle next Sunday morning, according to information given out by Chairman N. L. Harrison, it having been decided to hold the event one week earlier than had previously been announced.

The event will start promptly at 10:30 a. m., and during the course of the exercises Judge Johnson J. Hayes of the federal court bench, is expected to deliver a lecture.

Mr. Harrison expects a large crowd from throughout Watauga and adjoining counties and believes that the tabernacle, which has a seating capacity of about six thousand people, will be filled. The tabernacle is being remodeled and it is hoped that seats may be found for all those attending.

A short period of Bible study will be a feature of the program, arranged especially for those who had no opportunity to attend Sunday school elsewhere.

Mr. Harrison extends a cordial welcome to all the vocalists of this section and all others interested to attend the singing.

N. C. PURCHASES PARKWAY LAND

500 Acres Between Blowing Rock and Linville Bought For \$25,000

Raleigh, May 26—Charles Ross, general counsel for the state highway and public works commission, announced yesterday the purchase of 500 acres lying along the Yonahlossee highway between Blowing Rock and Linville for use as right-of-way for the Blue Ridge Parkway.

The land was bought from the Linville Company for \$25,000 and was the most expensive single acquisition for the parkway, Ross said.

Final arrangements for the purchase were made by Hugh MacRae, president of the Linville Company, and the commission at a conference Thursday.

Ross said the right-of-way would extend about 500 feet on each side of the highway. The area includes a "considerable quantity" of original growth timber, he said.

"While the price of \$50 an acre is relatively high as compared with other mountain land that has been purchased," Ross explained, "this is the only area of any considerable size that has the advantage of frontage on an existing paved highway." This land also has "considerable development possibilities," he added.

MARRIAGE LAWS THWART CUPID

Only Six Marriage Licenses Issued in County For Two-Month Period

Miss Helen Underdown, register of deeds, states that only six marriage licenses have been issued by her office in the almost two months of operation of the new marriage law, as against 18 during the same period of time a year ago. At the same time Mr. Edwin N. Hahn, local justice of the peace, tells the newspaper that he has not performed a single ceremony since the advent of the new regulations.

Local belief is that couples with matrimonial intent in this county are going into Tennessee to have the marriages performed rather than to experience the delay and added expense of undergoing rigid physical examinations. Anyway, folks have almost quit patronizing the local marriage bureau, whatever the reason may be.

WPA Bookmobile Is Favored Locally

The WPA traveling library, known as the Bookmobile, which has been in the county for the past several days, has been eagerly greeted by Wataugans, and the problem now seems to be to have enough books to carry out the rounds as originally planned for the truck. The last trip the bookmobile had little but magazines to offer, and these were gladly taken. Today the vehicle is to cover a route on which 300 volumes had been distributed last week, and they will be collected, and taken to other neighborhoods.

NEW FACULTY MEMBERS AT APPALACHIAN COLLEGE



Several outstanding leaders in the field of education have been secured as visiting faculty members at Appalachian College's 36th summer session, June 6 to August 25.

They are: Margaret Mayer, Columbia University; Dr. DeWitt Boney, University of Florida and Peabody; Paul R. Rollins, Cincinnati public schools; Rosa Veal, Ball State Teachers College, Indiana; C. K. Wright (center), Laurens, S. C.

city schools; Robert C. Busted, University of Indiana; Robert W. Evans, George Washington University; Eleanor C. Knoechel, University of Cincinnati; Dr. Russell S. Smith, superintendent, Crestline, Ohio, city schools.

COLLEGE TERM TO OPEN ON TUESDAY

Over 1,000 Teachers Expected to Be Present as Appalachian Summer School Starts

Completing a wide program of physical expansion and curriculum changes, Appalachian College stands ready for the opening of its 36th summer session on Tuesday, June 7. More than one thousand students are expected to be enrolled during the first six weeks' summer semester.

The curriculum has been expanded through the addition of several new courses and the employment of well-known specialists in these particular fields of education.

Educational leaders from various colleges and universities throughout the land have been added to the regular teaching staff and will remain here throughout the summer.

The recent additions will bring scholastic arrangements up to date, with ten complete departments authorized by the state to issue bachelor of science degrees in the fields of English, French, history, mathematics, music, physical education, science, primary and grammar grade education, along with courses for principals and superintendents.

The physical education department, it is pointed out, is going beyond the regular curriculum this summer in spurring the students to better health through a series of examinations, clinics and first aid courses that look to popularity throughout the summer.

Motorists Must Dim Their Lights

A law was passed by the last session of the general assembly, requiring all motorists to dim their lights at night when meeting approaching cars, will be rigidly enforced, according to instructions issued to state highway patrolmen from headquarters in Raleigh.

It is a misdemeanor to violate this law and co-operation of the motoring public is asked in enforcing the new regulation.

DR. DOUGHERTY IS REAPPOINTED TO SCHOOL COMMISSION

All members of the state school commission have been reappointed by Governor Hoey for terms expiring May 31, 1941.

Members of the commission and the counties in which they live are: T. B. Altmore of Beaufort, Archie C. Gay of Northampton, A. McL. Graham of Sampson, Jule B. Warren of Wake, John H. Foiger of Surry, H. R. Dwire of Durham, John A. Oates of Cumberland, Edwin Pate of Scotland, Dr. B. B. Dougherty of Watauga, R. Gregg Cherry of Gaston, and O. L. Holler of Rutherford.

Cornerstone Of Postoffice Will Be Placed Saturday

TREASURE HUNT NEXT SATURDAY

Remainder of Prizes Are to Be Given Away Saturday; Valuable Premiums Remain

The Boone Merchants Association has decided to hold another Treasure Hunt next Saturday afternoon at 4 o'clock, in order that the unclaimed prizes remaining from the last event, may be given away. Tickets will be given away by members of the local retail organization Saturday only, and at 4 o'clock the prizes will be awarded.

Many of the most valuable premiums still remain, and Saturday will be the last chance to receive them. Tickets used formerly will not be regarded, and the distribution of the prizes will be determined only by the trading done Saturday.

Nine prizes are offered by the following firms will be given Saturday: I. T. Barnett, Crest 5 and 10 Cent store; Hodges Tire Co., Highland Furniture store, Holler's Grocery; W. W. Mac Co., Mullins Electrical Appliances Co., Prevette's store, and Spainhour's.

COKER TRIPLETT HURT BY BALL AT LOUISVILLE

Coker Triplett, Boone man, who is playing baseball with the Columbus, Ohio, club of the American Association, received right serious facial injuries last Wednesday evening, when struck by a wild baseball thrown onto the diamond during a practice game at Louisville, Ky. Mr. Triplett was removed at once to a hospital, later being taken to the White Cross Hospital in Columbus. The ball struck Triplett on the left side of the face, injuring his nose, and necessitating the removal of small portions of the bone structure. He is improving, however, and is expected to recover within a short time.

JOSEPH CEPHUS PRESNELL

Joseph Cephus Presnell, aged 79, died at his home in the Beech Creek section on May 23. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Calvin Guy and Rev. George Presnell and interment was in the home neighborhood. Mr. Presnell was the father of eight children, one deceased. Those surviving are: Sherman, Lewis, Leonard, Raleigh and Avery Presnell, Beech Creek; Mrs. Luna Baird, Sugar Grove, and Mrs. Lillie Tibe, Donnellson, Iowa. There are 26 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

Mayor Lovill to Preside Over Ceremonies at New Federal Building; Dr. Dougherty to Make Remarks; Stone to Contain Historical Papers and Documents

The cornerstone of Boone's new postoffice building will be set into the niche provided, promptly at noon next Saturday, according to an announcement made by Postmaster W. G. Hartzog, and the people of the town and county are cordially invited to attend the exercises being arranged for the event.

Dr. B. B. Dougherty, president of Appalachian College, has been asked to deliver a brief historical sketch on the occasion, while Mayor W. R. Lovill will preside as master of ceremonies. The exercises will be short and have been set to occur at the noon hour so that workmen on the postoffice structure may not be inconvenienced by the ceremony.

Various historical papers, including newspaper files and typewritten copies of the program of the hour will be sealed in a copper box and placed behind the sandstone in the west front corner of the handsome building. On the surface of the stone will appear this inscription:

Henry Morgenthau, Jr., Secretary of the Treasury.
James A. Farley, Postmaster General.
Louis A. Simon, Supervising Architect.
Neal A. Melick, Supervising Engineer.

People of the city and surrounding country are asked to gather in front of the postoffice promptly at noon Saturday. The corner-stone laying will require only a few minutes.

The exterior of the federal building has almost been completed and within sixty days the structure is expected to be occupied. Furniture and fixtures are now being delivered.

WAR DEAD HONORED

Washington, May 30.—With booming guns, oratory and quiet visits to flag-decked graves, America today expressed its traditional Memorial Day veneration for those who died in the uniform of its fighting forces.

And to the things usual to the day—services at Gettysburg, at Arlington National cemetery, and a parade in New York—there was added a meaningful ceremony off the New Hampshire coast. There, the guns of gray warships roared in salute, and a coast guard plane dropped wreaths upon the water in memory of 26 men of the navy entombed within the steel walls of the sunken submarine Squalus.

TODAY BEGINNING CLEAN-UP DRIVE THROUGHOUT CITY

Mayor Asks People to Co-operate in Effort to Clean Up City; Trucks Will Carry Away Trash; Drive to End Saturday, June 10

The annual clean-up campaign for the town gets under way today (Thursday), and in announcing the event, Mayor W. R. Lovill asks for the co-operation of all the people of the community to the end that Boone may be the cleanest and most attractive little city to be found in the area.

Mayor Lovill is very anxious that owners of homes, business properties and vacant lots busy themselves during the remainder of this week in making their premises presentable before the influx of students to Appalachian College next week. City trucks will make the rounds of the town, hauling away the refuse, provided property owners place the trash in boxes or some kind of containers, accessible to streets or roadways.

Mayor Lovill believes that this summer will bring a record number of visitors to the city and is anxious that everything be spick and span before the heavy summer travel begins.

The clean-up campaign will end Saturday, June 10.

GRAGG TO APPEAR ON B & L PROGRAM

Secretary Watauga Building & Loan to Appear on Program at State B. & L. Convention

Watt H. Gragg, secretary of the Watauga Building and Loan Association, will take part on the program of the 36th annual convention of the North Carolina Building and Loan League at Wrightsville Beach, June 27th, 28th and 29th. Mr. Gragg will speak on the subject of "The Next Depression," in which he will point out some very good precautions for the building and loans to take at the present time in preparation for a possible future depression.

A practical program of addresses and discussions will be given including forums on Appraisals, Wednesday, June 28th, and Construction Loans, June 29th. Among the new features of this convention are the special celebration for those who have been directors or officers of building and loan associations for 25 years or more; and an advertising and business development contest. The latter will be in the main one dealing with newspaper advertising because this is the principal form of advertising used by building and loan associations of the state.

Makes First Visit To Boone Since 1886

Mr. H. Andrew Canter of Lewiston, Idaho, who left this region for the west as a lad of seventeen years, returned to Boone Monday, this being his first visit to Watauga's capital in 53 years. Mr. Canter found three residents of the city whom he remembered as boys, one of them being former Sheriff John W. Hodges, who enjoyed the visit of the westerner immensely.

Mr. Canter talks interestingly of Boone as it existed more than half a century ago, when only a few families resided in the environs of the courthouse, and is amazed at the development of the region. He has spent most of the time since he left western North Carolina in Idaho, where he has been engaged in a large mercantile business and where he has met with merited success.

He will spend a few days here and return home via Washington, D. C., New York and Chicago, also visiting the San Francisco fair before returning to his home in the northwest.

Joe Crawford Is Named Fire Chief

Joe Crawford has been named chief of the volunteer fire department to succeed Pat McGuire, who relinquished the position which he had filled for several years, to become a member of the city council. Mr. Crawford is already in charge of the department, which is one of the best and most modernly equipped to be found in any of the smaller cities.