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SKETCHES from Capital LIFE

By JIM

WASHINGTON, D. C.—President Roosevelt's hypnotic charm, described by those who have stood in its radiant glow as an emulsion which well might quiet the violent impulses said to have dwelling place in the bosom of a cannibal savage, is being brought into play more and more as the remaining year of 1940 draws nigh.



Jim Rivers

President told, "Mad as a wet hen over FDR's very apparent activity in behalf of Pepper, and determined to get a lead off his chest, the fatted Florida barged into the Hean Man's offices, veritably showing his teeth.

As ex-Governor Scholtz lumbered through the doorway, President Roosevelt leaned forward in his leather chair, flicked the ash from a North Carolina cigarette, extended his good right hand, and pardoning sub-strata vernacular, launched into a greeting which sounded something like this: "Howdy, Dave; I'm now full glad to see you. It's a funny thing, my friend, but I had you on my mind not an hour ago, and I was just about ready to drop you a line and let you know I didn't get any particular kick out of scalding you in last year's primary fracas. You know how it is, Dave... you've been governor... ever once in a while a fellow in this sort of business has to do them unpleasant chores; but I reckon you know I meant no offense? How's things going down in your neck of the woods, anyway?" The Roosevelt smile was never better... so soothing and nice!

That's about all there is to the story, except: Scholtz wilted like a paper collar in an April shower. And from the offices he went, a half-hour later, meek as a ewe lamb, heading back to Florida with an avowed determination to be busy from now on lining up New Deal delegates to next June's national convention!

WHICH BRINGS TO MIND another story kinda old and stale, which is said to have had origin in Senator Bailey's office one hot day last summer: Nebraska's Edward Burke, who deserted New Deal ranks for the select precincts of the conservative bloc, called on the North Carolinian for a bit of advice, which concerned invitations circulated by the President to attend a get-together over Jefferson Island way. The corn belt lawmaker held one of the engraved folders in his palsied hand... he was definitely worried, and scared.

Senator Bailey, admittedly immune to Rooseveltian personality and reasoning, informed his colleague that, since the affair was of a social nature and devoid of political implications, there was no reason for non-attendance.

The Nebraskan rubbed beads of sweat from a furrowed brow, steadied his bulk against a convenient desk, and growled: "Damned if I'm going... Roosevelt's liable to corner me off in that little room of his, and recall me on the New Deal." Senator Burke, always good as his word, didn't go to the party, either!

And there are lots of other fellows in both houses of congress... members who have soured on the President's legislative program... who'd sooner have an eye-tooth pulled than to stand in the effulgent beam of a Roosevelt smile and give answer to the seductive arguments which flow from his facile lips.

DR. FRANCIS TOWNSEND's two-hundred-a-month dream of security for aged Americans was exploded by the lower house of congress Thursday, when that body buried a pension measure bearing his brand under a record vote of 302 to 97. The bill had been reported without recommendation earlier in the week by the ways and means committee.

Two schools of thought exist in Capitol Hill circles on the unusual procedure which accompanied defeat of the Utopian scheme for bigger and better pensions... a scheme, incidentally, which has been given lengthy study by Chairman Dough-

Weather Bureau Equipment Taken

Dr. J. T. C. Wright of Appalachian College, who for the past ten years has operated a government weather bureau on the campus of the college, was without some of his most valuable equipment for a while last week. Thieves entered the "weather house" and made away with four thermometers, belonging to the U. S. weather bureau, and while the equipment has been replaced, Dr. Wright is mighty anxious to discover the whereabouts of the stolen instruments.

It is pointed out that since the weather bureau equipment is the property of the federal government, heavy penalties apply in cases where it is tampered with.

MISS WARY GAINS MUSICAL FAME

Member Appalachian Faculty is Lauded for Recent Musical Composition

Miss Virginia Wary, member of the faculty at Appalachian College, who for the past several months has been studying at the Cincinnati Conservatory of Music, has received much favorable publicity on her newest musical composition, "He That Dwelleth in the Secret Place." The anthem has been used by the choir of the largest church in Cincinnati, while a number of others in that city presented it.

The music is classical, and has been referred to by many noted musicians as rare and unusual. Cincinnati newspapers were quick to take note of Miss Wary's accomplishment, and the anthem will be sung at the New Year Fair by the Cincinnati Conservatory's world-famous Glee Club.

Miss Wary was a composition pupil of Dr. Grimm at the Conservatory and during her stay in Cincinnati became recognized throughout the city for her musical talent, singing and playing on various outstanding programs. She has returned to Boone where she will assume her usual duties at Appalachian College.

Pastors, Deacons To Gather Monday

The pastors and deacons of the Baptist church will gather in conference at the Boone Baptist church Monday, June 12, at 2 o'clock p. m., and following is the program which has been arranged for the gathering:

1. As Pastors, What Does Jesus and My Church Expect of me? Discussion by laymen, deacons and preachers.

2. What were Deacons Ordained to do? Discussion by pastors.

3. In Whose Name Were we Baptized and Therefore Whom Should we Follow? Discussion by pastors.

4. Is Jesus the Head of the Church and is the Church His Bride, if so, What is the Duty of the Church? Discussion by any who care to speak.

These discussions will be open to all present, laymen, deacons and preachers. Every Christian is urged to attend. You can get something out of the discussions that will benefit you.

Work On Sidewalks Is Going Forward

Mr. Carson Keyes, superintendent of the street improvement project, is making splendid headway in rebuilding the broken sidewalks of the city. The walkway from R. C. Rivers' residence to the Holler Grocery has been poured, and as rapidly as possible, the remainder of the work will be done. Meantime, Mr. Keyes has delivered a quantity of sand and crushed lots of stone. When the sidewalks are completed work will start on resurfacing side streets.

One notable improvement will be the widening of the sidewalk in front of the Green Inn, between the Carolina Pharmacy and the theatre. At present this is the narrowest sidewalk in the business district, and the congestion will be greatly relieved by the new project.

Teachers Approved By Education Body

In its meeting Monday, the board of education approved Hal Farthing as history teacher and athletic coach at Blowing Rock high school, and Wendell Wilson as teacher of mathematics and band director at the same institution. Mrs. Louise Miller was approved as a teacher on lower Elk. Jont Greene was named bus driver for the Deep Gap school.

TYPHOID CLINIC DATES ARE GIVEN

District Health Office Releases Broad Schedule of Clinics for Prevention of Malady

Dr. Robert R. King, district health officer, has released the following schedule for the typhoid clinics being held in the county, and urges the people to take advantage of the opportunity of becoming immunized to the malady.

Friday, June 2, 9, 16
Green Valley 9 to 10 a. m.; Big Hill 10:30 to 11:30; Castle 1 to 2 p. m.; Miller 2:20 to 3:30

Tuesday, June 13, 20, 27
Lovill T. L. Mast's store, 9 to 10 a. m.; Vlas, Glenn's yard, 10:30 to 11:30; Aho school 1:30 to 2:30; Rutherswood, McNeil's store, 3 to 4

Friday, June 23, 30, July 7
Cove Creek 9 to 10 a. m.; Amantha 10:30 to 11:30; Silverstone 1 to 2 p. m.; Mabel 2:30 to 3:30

Tuesday, July 4, 11, 18
Matney 9 to 10; Rominger 11 to 12; Windy Gap, 1 to 2; Ward's store 3 to 4

Friday July 14, 21, 28
Poplar Grove 9 to 10; Shull's Mills 12 to 1; Foscoe 1 to 2; Grandfather 2:30 to 3:30

Tuesday, July 25, August 1, 8
Haganam's store 9 to 10; Reese 10:30 to 11:30; Bethel 1 to 2; Timbered Ridge 2:30 to 3:30

John Robbins Dies At Ohio Residence

John P. Robbins, aged 80 years, resident of Scotia county, Ohio, died at his home near Portsmouth on May 27. He formerly resided at Henley, Ohio.

Mr. Robbins was a son of John P. and Mary Wyatt Robbins of Scotia county. He received his education in the public schools of Watauga and was a graduate of Judson College, Hendersonville, N. C. He taught in the public schools of western North Carolina for 25 years.

He is survived by his widow, formerly Miss Bettie Ray, and the following sons and daughters: Grady, Jacob and David Robbins, Portsmouth, Ohio; Julian Robbins, Toronto, Ohio; Donald Robbins, Norton, Va.; Council of Portsmouth, Va.; Mrs. Beattie French, Portsmouth, Ohio; Mrs. M. E. Randolph, Bryson City, N. C. One brother, Mr. G. W. Robbins, of Shulls Mills, N. C., also survives.

Mr. Robbins was a member of the Temple Baptist Tabernacle. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. H. O. Glider at Richards Funeral Home on Monday, May 28, and interment was in Garvin cemetery. The bereaved family received many visits and expressions of sympathy from friends and neighbors.

Jordan Ward Dies Sunday Evening

Jordan Ward, 41, of Watauga Falls, died in the Watauga Hospital Sunday evening after an illness of many months. Funeral services were held at the Antioch Baptist church Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock, the services being held by the Rev. Murray of Banner Elk, and the Rev. Talmadge Watson of Rominger. Interment was in the family cemetery.

The deceased is survived by his widow, Flora Ward, and three daughters, Juanita, Mae and Loretta. He is also survived by five brothers: John Ward of Beaver Dam, Will Ward of Blowing Rock, Lee Ward of Matney, V. D. and Marshall Ward of Valle Crucis. Two sisters, Mrs. Asbury Weaver of Blowing Rock, and Mrs. Arlene Ward of Rominger, also survive.

Three Forks W. M. U. Meeting Announced

The annual meeting of the Woman's Missionary Union of the Three Forks Baptist Association will be held at Meat Camp Baptist church Thursday, June 15, beginning at 10 a. m.

Mrs. R. K. Redwine of Hickory, will be the guest speaker. The ladies of the Meat Camp missionary society will furnish lunch.

BOONE FEED STORE BOUGHT BY REDMONDS

The Boone Feed store, which for the past several years has been owned and successfully operated by Mr. D. P. Wyke, has been sold to Messrs. Douglas and Height Redmond, who now have charge of the establishment. Mr. Wyke has not decided what he will do, but it is likely he will enter some other business in the city within a short time.

King and Queen Welcomed to Canada



King George and Queen Elizabeth are shown on thrones in Canada's parliament as they were formally welcomed to Canada. They will visit the United States this month.

EXERCISES HELD AT POSTOFFICE

Many Attend Cornerstone Laying at New Postoffice; Dr. Dougherty Speaks

A large crowd gathered at the new federal building in Boone Saturday noon for the exercises attending the laying of the cornerstone in the new postoffice building.

Mayor W. R. Lovill, in a few brief remarks, introduced Dr. B. E. Dougherty, president of Appalachian College, who delivered the address of the occasion. Dr. Dougherty reviewed the progress of the city from the early days and referred to the rapid growth of the community, painting a rosy picture for the future of the area. A copy of the address was enclosed, along with newspaper files and other data in a copper vault within the cornerstone.

The new federal building is soon to be completed, and it is understood that an effort is to be made to have Postmaster General James A. Farley speak at the dedication.

Demps Wilcox Hurt In Laundry

Mr. D. L. Wilcox, until recently the owner of the Boone Steam Laundry, suffered a broken right arm and serious lacerations Sunday afternoon, when he was drawn into the rollers of a huge ironing machine operated at the local plant.

Workmen were engaged in cleaning and repairing the machine, when Mr. Wilcox dropped into the plant. He took a piece of sandpaper and was polishing one of the ponderous steel rollers as it slowly turned. In some way his hand was drawn into the machine and his entire arm had passed through the rollers before the power could be shut off.

The arm was broken between the wrist and elbow, the flesh was seriously cut and bruised, but the popular citizen is expected to recover within a short time.

SERVICE STATIONS ARE BEING COMPLETED

Three important additions to the automobile servicing business in Boone are in process of completion. The handsome new Sinclair station, east of the Democrat office, is rapidly being completed, and will be one of the most modern in this territory.

Todd's Esso Service station is about ready to use their new and attractive addition for the washing and greasing of autos, while work is steadily going forward on Letcher Teague's addition to his Gulf place. The oil dealers stay out front in the procession of progress.

NEEDY, AGED TAR HEELS PAID \$32,586 TOTAL

Raleigh, Jan. 2.—N. H. Yelton, public assistance director, said today 32,646 needy and aged North Carolinians were paid \$32,586.98 in old age assistance last month. The average grant was \$9.58. Dependent children payments went to 21,442 and totaled \$126,346.37 for an average of \$5.89 each, Yelton said.

RECEIVES DEGREE

Prof. Julius Edwin Rivers, teacher in the Boone demonstration school, who recently has been taking special courses at George Peabody College, Nashville, Tenn., received his M. A. degree at commencement exercises held here June 2. Mr. Rivers majored in elementary education, minor subjects being school administration and physical education.

\$125,000 SOUGHT FOR R. E. A. LINES

National REA Gives Consideration for Additional Loan to Caldwell Mutual

The National Rural Electric Authority has given preliminary consideration to an application of the Caldwell Mutual Corporation of Lenoir for an additional loan of \$125,000, according to information reaching the Democrat Wednesday morning.

The proposed new loan is to be used to make extensions of about 125 miles of electric lines to serve 375 members in Watauga, Ashe, Alleghany and Caldwell counties. The mutual has received an outline of steps to be taken before the loan is completed.

The original application covered 735 miles of rural power lines to serve 4,246 members, and the REA has allotted \$905,000 for the project. If the new loan is finally approved, the total funds granted the Caldwell Mutual will be \$1,030,000.

Dell Richardson Returned to Jail

Dell Richardson, Watauga county man, who escaped prison here two months ago, where he was held on charges of liquor law violations and grand larceny, is again in the county bastille to await trial at the fall term of superior court.

Richardson was apprehended at 5 o'clock Wednesday morning at Shelby Gap, near Jenkins, Ky., by Sheriff Edmisten of this county, working with the aid of Kentucky officers, and by noon was back in the cell from which he had escaped. When found Richardson was in the edge of a wood, evidently having had a "tip" that he was being sought by officers.

Accompanying Sheriff Edmisten to Kentucky were Deputy Sheriff Carter Bagan of Boone and Deputy Daniels of Elk Park.

New Officers Are Named By Lions

The Boone Lions Club met in banquet session at the high school cafeteria Tuesday evening and the following officers were elected for the coming year:

President, Richard E. Kelley; vice president, J. E. Wolfe; secretary, R. A. Manship; lion tamer, Richard Olsen; tail twister, E. S. Christenbury.

County Singing Largely Attended

The semi-annual county singing convention which was held at the Graham tabernacle last Sunday, was largely attended, some three or four thousand people coming to town for the event.

Mayor W. R. Lovill extended the city's welcome to the visitors. Judge Johnson J. Hayes, who was to have lectured to the gathering, was unable to be present.

ALERTS TO ATTEND SOCIAL THURSDAY

Members of the Alert Bible class of the Boone Baptist church will gather in a social hour at the state fish hatchery Thursday evening of this week at 8 o'clock, and a full attendance is requested.

Due to the fact that many members of the class will be away on the 18th, it has been decided that the Alerts will observe Father's Day next Sunday. At this time all the boys are urged to bring their fathers with them to the class.

EXPECT GOOD SEASON FOR SHEEP GROWERS

Raleigh, June 3.—N. C. State college extension specialists said today "prospects are bright for a profitable season for sheep growers" when they got reports that wool producers in western counties had conducted two pools at which they got 31 cents a pound, up about 12 cents a pound over last year's prices. Lamb prices also have been well above last year's, the specialists said.

4-H YOUTHS SELECTED AS HEALTHIEST IN W. N. C.

Asheville, June 2.—Miss Juanita Ashe, 17, Swain county girl, and Harold Stout, 17, of Newland, Avery county, were adjudged the healthiest 4-H boy and girl in the western North Carolina district yesterday. They will participate in the finals with four other district winners at Raleigh the last week in July.