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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27, 1927

Each (city) block on Broadway, under the terms of the people of this party, 'drinking' for a month...

Governor Alfred E. Smith may not agree with the eighteenth amendment, but he is not as wet as some would have you believe.

Mr. Uprecht, Superintendent of the North Carolina Anti-Saloon League, has addressed a letter to the press...

HELPING THE SOUTH

The Duke Power Company is prosecuting its campaign of advertising the south in many of the magazines and papers of the nation.

Please Count 'Em

"I've never had a chance," said the man with the hang-dog expression.

"How come?" "What is your unlucky number?" "Thirteen. Twelve jurors and one judge."

That's Different

Dad: "Why don't you dance with young Thompson?"

Co-ed: "Why, I wouldn't dance with him if he were worth a million."

"Well, he is." "Good heavens! Introduce me, quick!"

Tramp Efficiency

Tramp: "I've asked for money, begged for money, and cried for money."

Man: "Have you tried working for it?"

Tramp: "Not yet. I'm going through the alphabet and I have not come to 'W.'"

Misleading

Boss: "Before I can engage you, you'll have to pass an intelligence test."

Applicant: "Intelligence test? Why, the advertisement said you wanted a stenographer."

This Is Sudden

He: "I hear you are going to be married. When, may I ask?"

She: "You may ask now, if you are sure you love me."

LOCAL AFFAIRS

Miss Mary Jurney of Olin, Iredell county, is spending a few days visiting relatives in and around Boone.

Will C. and Linney Walker spent last week-end visiting at Butler, Tenn.

Mr. W. S. Sudderth of Montezuma spent Monday in Boone en route home from a visit to relatives in Lenoir and Morganton.

Mrs. James C. Rivers and little daughter, Miss Sarah Rebecca, of Winston-Salem, are visiting for a few days at the home of Mrs. Rivers' parents, Dr. and Mrs. W. R. Butler.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. McCoy and son, J. Walter McCoy and family, all of Asheville, spent the week-end with Mr. W. S. McCoy's sister, Mrs. B. J. Martin, east of Boone.

Married at the Baptist parsonage in Boone, on Sunday, October 23, Mr. W. G. Cook and Miss, Annie Blackburn, both of Todd, the Rev. P. A. Hicks officiating.

James Horton Moore, son of Mrs. E. H. Moore, of Boone, is enrolled as a student at the Cincinnati Conservatory of Music for the coming year. Mr. Moore is studying voice under Albert Reine.

Recent installation of the newest and most modern type of soda fountains in both the local drug stores have added much to the convenience and attractiveness of these places of business.

Mr. Ed. Dry, who conducts a meat market on North Wilkesboro, was at home last Saturday on account of the death of his aunt, Mrs. Nan Johnson, Glen Wike, of Boone, went down to care for the business in Mr. Dry's absence.

Misses Isenhour and Downs, both of Blowing Rock, were in town a few hours Tuesday afternoon and evening. Miss Isenhour is a graduate of the State Normal here, and is now teaching the fifth grade in the Blowing Rock consolidated school.

Mr. Joe Ragan of Mead Camp, is confined at the home of his sister, Mrs. B. R. Bryan, suffering from severe bruises received when he was crushed by a cave-in while working on a bridge ditch on highway No. 69. It is not yet known how serious his injuries are.

Mr. Charles N. Crowlson of Chicago, was a business visitor in Boone last week. Mr. Crowlson is an experienced business man, author of "Building Business," "Tales of the Road" and Financial and Business Building in the Saturday Evening Post, Success Magazine and the Financial newspapers of America.

John Walker, wife and daughter of Mocksville, accompanied by Mr. Poole of Winston-Salem, spent last week visiting at the homes of Messrs. Will C. and Johnnie Walker. Mr. Poole is a baseball player and has a contract with the Philadelphia Americans.

A top coat of fine stone is being spread on North Water street from King to North street, which will be, when completed, a very great improvement. The fine stone has already been put on the old Blowing Rock turnpike to the school campus. The base stone had been down for some time and made extremely rough driving.

The two-story brick business building erected by Edwin N. Hahn, on Main street has been completed, and Ashley's Shoe Store is now occupying one of the storerooms. It is understood that the other storeroom has been spoken for, but a lease has not yet been closed. Several of the apartments on the second floor also have been spoken for.

Do you know that in our county two small boys, 6 and 9 years of age, are facing a winter without anything like sufficient clothing and no home? We wonder if there isn't some home that would like to give these little fellows, either temporary or permanent relief? If you are at all interested, you can learn more about them from Smith Hagaman, Boone.

The Western North Carolina Conference will convene in Asheville on Wednesday of next week. The Rev. M. B. Wooley, who has served the Boone and Blowing Rock charge for the past four years, will be moved to some other work, much to the regret of his many friends here. Mr. John Stanbury and other delegates will accompany the minister to the annual gathering.

Mr. W. S. Farthing of Sugar Grove, stopped in at The Democrat office yesterday on his return from a short visit to relatives in Caldwell county. Mr. Farthing had not been in Lenoir for twenty-five years and greatly enjoyed his visits to the manufacturing plants of the lively Caldwell metropolis. He reports the highway down the mountain in first class condition. The convicts have been moved, and by this time the last of the tarvin coating has been placed on the surface, making it one of the best and most scenic roads in the mountains.

The series of meetings which closed at the Baptist and Methodist churches last week have done much for the spiritual uplift of the community, in the opinion of the pastors and others in close touch with church activities. At the close of the services, 40 members were added to the Baptist church, while 22 united with the Methodist.

The large pipe organ for the Methodist church here has been delivered and is being installed by Contractor W. G. Hartzog. This is the first instrument of the kind brought to Watauga and will be quite an addition to the magnificent church erected and paid for in our growing city.

The ladies of the Advent Christian church in Boone are raising money among the members and friends with which to install a centenary in their beautiful new church. It is understood they are succeeding very nicely, and that the work will be in in the very near future. Never have known the ladies of Boone to fail yet when they needed money for church improvement.

At a recent meeting of the board of aldermen of the town of Boone, Charles L. Younce was elected city manager, as provided for under an act passed by the last session of the general assembly. Mr. Younce has resigned as teacher of the Rutledge school in order to accept the position and will enter actively upon his new duties as soon as he returns from the hospital at Johnson City, where he will undergo a slight operation. Mr. Younce will have charge of street work, looking after the city water department, collecting water rent and taxes.

The steam shovel on its way from Lenoir to Watauga to be used on Highways 60 and 64, west of Boone was almost out at the top of the mountain beyond Blowing Rock Tuesday evening. It is understood that work will begin on No. 60 at the western limits of Boone and work to Vlas. From there it will go over 69 to the school at Valle Crucis, where they will begin cutting out the four-mile mountain lap from there to the Avery county line. Road Commissioner Kistler will complete the road to the Avery-Watauga line.

Dr. and Mrs. R. E. Ellis of Shelby, who spent the summer here, came up late Sunday evening, leaving on their return Monday morning. They came here to see what progress was being made on their summer home, which was let to contract before leaving here last summer. They expected to find the stone walls completed and the tile roofing on. In this they were disappointed in a measure. The masonry has been completed but the roof is not yet on. Mr. H. W. Horton, the contractor, has moved to Florida for the winter, but it was understood that he left some one in charge who will see that the home is completed.

Miss Opal Pitts, 11, of Blowing Rock, was the happy winner of the little Packard automobile which was given away last Saturday afternoon by the management of the Pastime Theater following a contest of six weeks. Keys were given with each ticket purchased at the window, one of which would open a lock held at the office. The kiddies came from everywhere on the closing day and little Miss Pitts happened to have the lucky key. The car which has been on display at the movie house daily is a perfect replica of a Packard automobile of the latest model and has been much admired by the youngsters. A feature of the closing of the contest was a free show for the children.

FIRE PREVENTION MEDAL WON BY LITTLE MISS HARROD

Mildred Roselyn Harrod, of Boone, is winner of the gold medal given by Mr. Gordon H. Winkler, local representative of the Hartford Fire Insurance Company, for the best essay on "How the Principles of Fire Prevention Have Been Applied in My Home." The contest was open to sixth grade pupils of the local public school, and the medal was given in order to stimulate more interest in fire prevention. Carolyn Blair, Della Hayes and Ruby Shall received special mention for their essays on the subject.

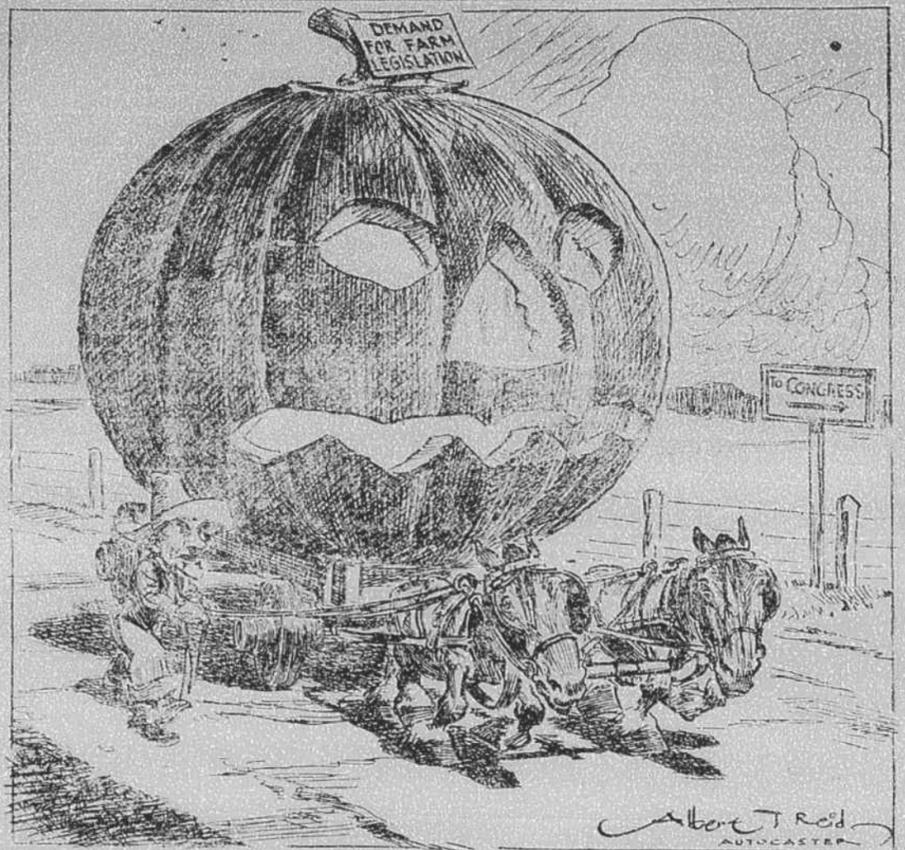
Following is little Miss Harrod's essay:

In Colonial days one seldom heard of fires. The houses were very far apart. They had no planks even for floors and chimneys, but later the Colonial chimneys of plank were built with mud on the inside. The people were never so careless as we are today, but they were always on the watch for means of prevention. Back in olden times they had to rub pieces of wood together or keep the coals after they had once gotten them by covering the fire with ashes. Another way they started fires was by striking a spark with flint and steel. Now, since fires are so easily kindled and houses are so much closer together, the danger of fires is largely increased. One little match can do so much damage! Even Chicago was destroyed by one little match.

The purpose of this paper is to tell how we try to prevent fire in our home, hoping that someone else may get ideas how to prevent fire in

The Perennial Scare

By Albert T. Reid



their homes.

Matches cause many fires which could be prevented. If carelessness did not reign over the world, we would save many millions of dollars. Homes and cities have been destroyed by carelessness.

Following are a few ways in which we try to prevent fires in our home:

We have glass holders in which to keep our matches, with their heads down. The holders are placed high enough so that the children cannot reach them. We are careful to keep matches from laying around so that rats and mice cannot get them.

In order to avoid destructive conflagration, we use some substance to kindle fires that does not easily explode; such as paper and shavings. We never use kerosene to start fire. When we clean clothes or gloves, we are always careful to use the gasoline or benzine where there is no flame exposed. After cleaning the clothes we hang them in the open air until all the fumes have disappeared.

Another cause of many serious fires is the improper method of handling ashes. There are some people who just take up ashes and live coals and dump them into a wooden receptacle or throw them out where the wind can blow the sparks over the dry grass and over something that might catch fire. Before we take up ashes we are sure all sparks are out. When we empty them we scatter them on the driveway to make sure all is safe. We never dump ashes in a wooden receptacle or anything that might catch fire. We dump them into a metal box and carry them out where the wind will not catch them up and blow them near a wooden building, so that it may be burned during our slumber in the night.

We never put our papers and kindling where a spark from the open fire place may get to it, or near a stove where the heat might ignite them. In kindling our fires we never put on a big pile of paper. We keep our kindling in a box out in the woodshed. When we bring it into the house we keep it far enough away from the fire or inflammable substances.

Another way in which to prevent fire is to burn all old trash around the house. We keep our house free from all unnecessary articles that are of no value. Some of these are oily clothes, mops, empty boxes and barrels which may start a fire and burn our home. At least once a year we clean our cellar and outdoor buildings in order to keep them beautiful and particularly to prevent fires. Our dust rags are burned because we understand the danger of keeping them. Of course we could not burn our mop every time we use it, but we have a hook outside the door to hang it on.

Then too, there are the heat and light arrangements. Coal is much more inflammable when wet, therefore, we keep it in a dry house by itself. We take more care of soft coal because it will catch fire more quickly than hard coal. It contains much more oil.

Electricity is very dangerous, as well as a useful gift to man. Only the greatest care of all installations will keep us safe from fire. We try never to overload the system and we have it gone over frequently. We try not to leave a lighted bulb resting against anything. Our electric iron would be a source of danger in our home if we did not turn the current off. We never set our iron on anything but the stand which was provided by the company. If we did

would have to send in a fire alarm.

Causes of many other fires may be chimneys, stove pipes and flues. We have these inspected every six months because there is soot and rust in the pipes which can be very dangerous if they are neglected. In many cases stoves are too close to the wall and should be moved out. Soot accumulates very rapidly. A good way to clean the chimney is to tie a rope around a brick and then tie a piece of old carpet and as you let down the chimney swing it back and forth. You will see that it is most effective. We watch the opening where the pipes go into the chimney to see that they are insulated. As to our furnace we see that the pipes are made safe and that they go up through the flues. We have said nothing about the firing of stoves and furnaces. That is one of the greatest dangers in any home—many a house having been burned by over-firing. We never let the fire get too hot.

There is one more thing that is a terrible source of danger—that is

the lamp. We never place our lamps on shaky tables. We always use metal lamps because they will not explode so easily as the glass ones. We never shade our lamps with cloth or paper shades. The greatest protection is to keep the lamps clean and trimmed each day. Every year lamps cause millions of dollars worth of property to be destroyed.

One more important thing to make our home safe is insurance. We should have our homes insured by the Hartford Fire Insurance Company, which will protect many homes against the "Red Plague." We may have our homes insured by Mr. Gordon Winkler, the agent in Boone for the Hartford.

Brilliant Cus

Judge: "Thirty days—"

Sneeder: "Oh I know that one! Thirty days hath September, April—"

"And are you satisfied with married life?" "Yes, I've had enough."

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