

TOWN AND COUNTY BRIEFS

Miss Eleanor Wright of Raleigh visited Mrs. J. W. Hunt last week. Miss Mae Alston of the Bear Creek faculty, spent the week-end with Miss Struman Fields.

The editor much appreciated a call last week from Mrs. E. E. Griffin of Keeling, Va., who has been visiting relatives in this county. Mr. Griffin has also been in the county.

Gulf News

Mr. E. A. Murchison, Mr. and Mrs. Alton Murchison, and Mrs. Rosa Goldston of Fayetteville visited Rev. and Mrs. Geo. L. Merrill of Gulf Friday.

Antioch News

Rev. J. S. Cardon of Durham filled his regular appointment at Antioch Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Pilkington of Durham spent the week-end with home folks.

CERTAINLY Sandy (noting price tag on antlers in window)—"Hoot, mon! Them's awfully dear."

The Writing Game

By RING LARDNER

To the Editor: The follin letter recd. from 1 of my admirers in Brazil, Ind., exclaims itself.

"Dear Sir, I been reading your letters in these cols. for a good many mos, and find them very interesting a specially the letters advertising that you was to start a school of photo play writing and in those letters you give your readers a good many hints in regards to how photo plays should be wrote as well as a sample of a 5 reel photo drama. Now no doubt they's a great many people that considered thereself capable of writing photo plays but couldn't afford to take none of the high price correspondents courses in same and would of always remained a drug in their office or somewheres had you not of came to bat with your low price school.

"Now what I ask is why won't you be as thoughtfull of the people that wants to write short stories like you was to the ones that wanted to write for pictures. I have always feel like I had a gift for writing short fictions but don't know nothing about technics, length of stories and etc and couldn't dig up the price witch is demanded by the correspondents schools for tuition and etc. It seems to me like you are well qualified to learn people the art of story writing even better than other kinds of writing because I once read a story of yours in a magazine witch you must of been the editor's brother in law but still and all it was printed and you probably got payed for same witch is more than you can say in regards to your efforts at photo plays. So will you be so kind and open up a course in short story writing and give us a idear in these cols, what the secrets and principals is that makes a successful short story fiction writer and I am only 1 of thou sands that will be interested and may be subscribe to your school."

The writer to the above is not the only party that has come to me with requests along the same lines, and it begins to look like I would be doing a public service was I to comply with their requests along these lines.

In the first place the average party has got a magazine editor all wrong witch they usually are. They think he is a man that will give everybody a square deal where as the most of them lets their personal feelings and temperment get the best of them.

The best rule for a new beginner to follow is to 1st get a idear for a story and then forget the idear and go ahead and write the story out or dictate it to somebody that has got a good hand writing or better yet one of these new fangle machines called a typewriter that makes it look all most like print.

Then put a good suggestive title on the story, like for inst. "Clara's Calves" and then give it to your family to read, and if they say it reads good why it must be good, and the next question is how to get it before a magazine editor and get a square deal.

But 1 of the biggest mistakes a new beginner makes is to send return stamps along with their manuscript as most of the editors is all tight and the minute they see stamps that somebody else has boughten why they can't wait a minute till they use them, and whist, back comes your manuscript. I remember once before I become a wise cracker that I sent a stamped self address envelope along with a good story I wrote and the old skin flint shot it back at me pro tem all because he couldn't do nothing else with a addressed envelope with the stamps stuck to it and couldn't bear to see it wasted. Both my sisters read the story I speak of and said it was a pip, and I wished the old Shy lock could of heard what they said about him for sending it back.

Well then the only way to get a square deal from a editor is to scrap up a acquaintance with somebody that is all ready in the writing game and the editor knows who he is and got respects for him and then you have this bird write a letter for you to send along with the manuscript and have him say in the letter that your story is O. K. and the editor is a sap, if he don't accept because you have got a lot of friends that will stop their subscription if that story comes back.

So much for how to get a square deal after your story is wrote. As for the writing itself a good many new beginners falls down because they try and write their story without the right atmosphere to work in. I can't give no advise on this subject as different authors demands different working conditions. For inst. they say Rupert H. Hughes can't write a line unless the water is running in the bathtub and Fannie Hurst won't attempt to work without the room is full of sardine cans where as when the editor wants a story out of Mrs Rinehart they get somebody to stand and snap a rubber bank at her neck. Personally I never feel comfortable at my desk unless they's a dozen large rats packed on my ft. These inst will give you a idear of how different temperments affects different writers but, as I say, each writer has to choose for himself what temperment to have and I might advise you to try writing in a public garage where as you might do your best work setting in a eel trap.



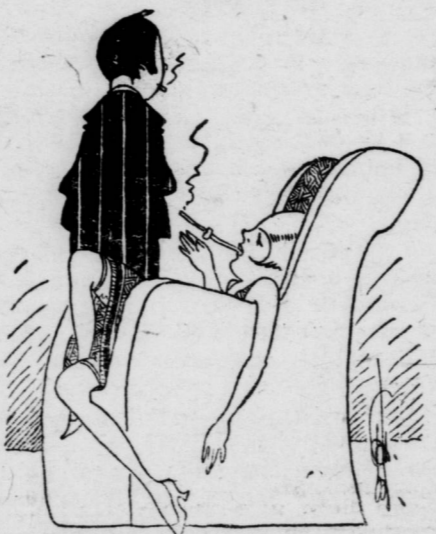
Old Aunt—You've been married for six months; are you contented with your lot? Young Wife—Oh, perfectly, auntie—we're going to build on it this spring.

WHAT STOPPED HIM?



She—Don't you dare kiss me—or I'll slap your face. He—Don't think it's fear stops me.

GIRL SHOULD KNOW



She—I saw a book advertised telling what a girl should know before marriage. What is it, do you suppose? He—Maybe it's a cook book.

MIGHT CUT 'EM OUT



Wife—I think I'll cut my dresses up a little farther. Hubby (disgustedly)—Why don't you cut 'em out entirely and pose as another Eue?

BEST PETER



"You say she's your best girl?" "No. Necks best."

PUZZLED



Hen—I wish I knew whether it would be a boy or girl before I go to the trouble to hatch it!

WANT ADS

PEANUTS: 10 pounds postpaid \$1.19 in Virginia and Carolinas. Famous Bertie County peanuts. For seed or roasting. From farm to you. Cash with order. M. P. Eason, Windsor, N. C.

SINCE I AM not selling milk I offer a nice cow for sale. Will freshen this month with third calf. Also a lot of baled straw and chaff. H. F. Durham, Pittsboro, Rt. 2.

GET YOUR SHOES at R. J. Moore & Company's, Bynum.

HEADQUARTERS for tobacco seed. Cash, Faucette's Special, Yellow Pryor and all other leading varieties. Seed English peas, onion sets, cabbage plants. See us for seed. J. H. Monger, Sanford, N. C.

24-lb SACK of Self-rising flour for \$1.00. Come and give us a trial. C. E. Durham.

MILK—Better milk—Aerator cooled, bottles sterilized. No more complaints of sour milk. Let me furnish you. Lexie Clark.

NICE FINE new salt at R. J. Moore & Company's, Bynum.

DO YOU want to sell your chickens and eggs? If so send them to C. E. Durham, Bynum.

WE ARE now offering for sale Firestone Tires and will continue to sell the Goodrich line. When in need of tires call on C. E. Durham, Bynum.

60-lb TUB of lard at 11 1/2 cents for the next ten days. Try it. C. E. Durham, Bynum, N. C.

200-POUND fat hog wanted. Write me price and approximate weight and if I want it I will come when the weather is suitable and wait for it to be killed and dressed. A. A. Tingen, Apex, N. C.

SWEET PEA SEED, lawn grass seed. All kinds flower and vegetable seed. J. H. Monger, Sanford, N. C.

PROFESSIONAL nurse. I am located in Pittsboro and offer my services as a professional nurse to the people of Chatham county. Elsie Lucile Peterson, R. N.

WILLARD BATTERIES, Goodyear Tires, and Southern Gas at R. J. Moore & Company's, Bynum.

CHICKEN FEED, sweet feeds, oats, etc., wholesale or retail at lowest prices at Poe and Moore's, Pittsboro.

LAYING MASH, cheap at Poe's and Moore's—contains fish meal and bone meal in right proportions. Makes hens lay and helps in molting time.

NOTICE OF SERVICE

NORTH-CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY IN THE SUPERIOR COURT. Chatham County vs. Sophronia Ash and husband, Jesse Ash

The above named defendants, except those personally served in this action, and all other persons owning or claiming an interest in the land herein referred to, will take notice that on the 3rd day of December, 1929, an action entitled as above was commenced in the Superior Court of Chatham County for the purpose of foreclosing tax liens for taxes due for the year 1927 on the following real estate:

Fourteen acres in New Hope Township, said County and State, being listed to Sophronia Ash for 1927.

That they are required to appear and answer or demur to the complaint which has been filed at the office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Chatham County at Pittsboro, North Carolina, within 30 days from the 13th day of January, 1930, or the plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief demanded in the complaint.

It is also ordered that all other persons claiming an interest in the subject matter of the said action shall appear and present, set up and defend their respective claims in 6 months from the date of this notice, or be forever barred and foreclosed of any and all interest or claims in or to the said property or proceeds from the sale thereof.

This 13th day of January, 1930. E. B. HATCH, Clerk of Superior Court

NOTICE

Pursuant to an order made by the town commissioners in regular session on Monday, January 6, I will advertise and sell on the first Monday in March, at the courthouse door in Pittsboro, all the Pittsboro real estate on which the tax has not been paid by February 1, 1930, for the year of 1928 and all previous years. This January 14, 1930. B. W. GILMORE, Town Tax Collector

Chief Justice Taft Rests at Asheville

Ordered by his physician to take a good rest Chief Justice Taft of the United States Supreme Court chose Asheville as the best place and has become a guest of Grove Park Inn. A number of palatial homes around Asheville were tendered him, but he declared that he could not be placed under obligation to anyone by accepting such hospitality. Besides, the maintenance of such a home would cost him too much, he said. Wherein Mr. Chief Justice has set a good example to lesser judges.

AMATEUR BUGGY

Cooper — "Honestly, now, you would never have thought this car of mine was one I had bought second-hand, would you?" Coles — "Never in my life. I thought you had made it yourself." —Answers.

NOTICE OF SALE OF COUNTY NOTES

Pursuant to section six of the County Finance Act, the Board of County Commissioners of Chatham County, North Carolina, will sell at their office in the Courthouse, Pitts-

boro, North Carolina, on the 20th day of January, 1930, note of the county aggregating THIRTY THOUSAND (\$30,000.00) DOLLARS, to be dated January 20, 1930, and to mature June 20, 1930. R. J. JOHNSON, Chm., Board of County Commissioners, Chatham County, N. C.

OFF AGAIN.

We are off again for a year's work. This Bank realizes the handicap with which many of its friends start the new year, and shall be glad when possible to help them plan for the year's work. But' despite discouragements, let's make up our minds to make it a great year. Planning and hard work will save the day. A man must not be idle this year if he has to work for half-price. Doing something that will help a little will beat doing nothing part of the time.

THE BANK OF MONCURE

MONCURE, N. C.

"TAKE IT FROM ME,"

a Home Owner Says—

"I've found that as a rule you get what you pay for. My roof cost me a little more because it's worth more. I could have put on a substitute for a few dollars less. It would have kept the weather out for a few years. Instead, I spent a little more and got a roof that I'll never have to replace and that is completely fireproof. Besides, my roof has beauty and a solid substantial look that flimsy materials just can't give. Altogether I made a mighty good buy."

Any home owner can profitably follow this advice.

Durham headquarters for colorful and durable Richardson Shingles.

THE BUDD-PIPER ROOFING CO.

DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA

Pilot Theatre

PITTSBORO, N. C.

TODAY, THURSDAY, Jan. 16 "THE WOMAN TRAP"

with Hal Skelly and Evelyn Brent. A Paramount All-Talking Picture. ALSO A HAL ROACH COMEDY

FRIDAY and SATURDAY, Jan. 17 and 18 YAKIMA CANULT in

"CAPTAIN COWBOY"

Also the Last Chapter of the "Jungle King" The First Instalment of the Serial, "THE VANISHING MILLION."

MONDAY and TUESDAY, Jan. 20 and 21 "RED HOT RIBBON"

A Pathe Picture. Also Comedy "SYNCOPEATED TRAIL" The Audio Review

WED. and THURS. Jan. 22 and 23

"THE LOST ZEPPELIN"

with Conway Tearle, Virginia Valli, Richard Cortez. A Tiffany All-Talking Picture. Also a Good Comedy.

Shows Daily: 7:00 and 8:30 Admission, Whites 15c and 40c; Colored 10c and 15c ALWAYS A GOOD SHOW.