Toxaway Man Catches Rattlesnakes For Profit

H. H. MILLER

a dozen snakes in one day, which he

sold to tourists at from one dollar to

ten each, depending upon the coloring,

and process which the hide had been

given. Sometimes he is lucky and finds

He said that the rattlers are now

most of the reptiles into their winter

quarters where they take their young

which are born in the fall of the year. A large snake will give birth

to from seven to ten young rattlers

that will average about eight to ten

in length, and are

The mother snake will come out of

Mr. Miller said, and the young ones

are always nearby.. He is emphatic in

his statement that a young rattler

runs into its mother's mouth when

A rattler is a proud thing, the hunt-

er said, and if made angry and no way

of escape left open, will sink its fangs

There is always a demand for snake

hides, Mr. Miller said, and very often

he sells live snakes, some of which

still retain their fangs and poison

sacs, although the average tourist pre-

A snake will live several months in cage without food, Mr. Miller, said,

in a small enclosure. A rattler only eats what he "charms" before killing, the

hunter said, and then an average size

rattler can gorge himself with a half-

grown rabbit, squirrel or several part-

ridges and lie in a semi-conscious state for days while he digests his food.

Mr. Miller was born and reared near

Sapphire, a son of the late Henry Mil-

was a Confederate veteran, and upon

set up in the hotel or "hostelry busi-

The tavern stood near what is now

late Dr. C. Grimshawe, pioneer physi-

cian of the upper county section. As

a young man, Mr. Miller was caretaker

on the Backens estate at Cold Moun-

Mr. and Mrs. Miller own their own

farm where they raise vegetables, ap-

ples, corn, chickens and cattle. Until

a little more than a year ago Mr.

Miller was able to do a full day's work, but a severe illness left him unable to

do manual labor and he now devotes his full time to taxidermy, and has a

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This the 31st day of August, 1938.
M. E. HEAD and W. B. HEAD,

Asheville, N. C.

GLASSES FITTED

and his snakes.

ago when the property was sold.

ness" as it was then called.

ler and Nancy Lowe

fers his snake with fangs removed.

into its body and commit suicide.

lalrger snakes are alone.

"ready to bite."

danger approaches.

(By Mrs. H. D. Lee)

H. H. (Kim) Miller of the Toxaway section, catches snakes and makes money out of the work, as well as deriving a lot of pleasure.

Mr. Milller catches snakes as a hobby, and as he puts it, "for my bread and butter." He caught thousands of rattlers during the past 35 years, and has yet to be bitten, although he adit is pretty risky business, and emphatically warns amateurs against doing the thing he does practically day during the summer and

A leather thing, a short plece of stick, and a sharp pocketknife are Mr. Miller's principal stock in trade for catching the most poisonous reptiles to be found in Western North Carolina.

After he has made his catch, he removes the poison sacs and connecting fangs from the upper jaws of the rattlers, and then keeps them in a large box-cage until he is ready to kill them and tan or mount the hides ..

"Plenty of people are willing to pay good money for live snakes, and I find my job more profitable in many ways than trying to farm at my age, the 63-year-old native of Upper Transylvania explained when asked why he had chosen such a dangerous vocation.

"Snakes only bite scared people," the veteran hunter said, "unless they are accidently disturbed, and then, they only bite for protection of them-

Mr. Miller calculates that he has handled several thousand snakes during his lifetime, and while he admits that any number have tried to sink their fangs into his hands and arms, he has always been "just a mite smarter than the snake" and always keeps in mind just what the snake is apt to try when it is being handled ..

Mr. Miller showed the writer just how a snake should be handled and like the story about rabbit stew, first step was to find the snake. A large black rattler was found near Cotton Rock on the slopes of Toxaway Moun-

Lying half-coiled in the edge of some sparse grass, the snake quickly coiled at approach of the "snake man" and started his nerve-tingling, dry-sounding warning. Taking a two-foot leather thong with loop on its end from his pocket, Mr. Miller tied the thing to the end of a short stick, and "eased up" behind a stone in back of the snake. In less time than it takes to read this paragraph the noose slipped over the rattler's head, and there was 34 inches of wriggling snake ready for the "tourist trade."

Holding the rattler's head taut away from its coiled body, Mr. Miller reached down with his free hand and grasped it by the neck, holding it in such a way that its jaws were pried open and the curved fangs plainly showing to the man with a pencil and kodak

Mr. Miller has caught as many as

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anyway," Jim Smith, Greenville, S. C., negro, stayed around Brevard, and Deputy Sheriffs Buck McCall and Lewis Osborne placed the negro in jail Friday night.

The Smith negro was wanted in Greenville for slashing his wife with a razor so badly that she died last week. The Greenville police came up to Brevard last week to look for the razor-wielding negro but he ran off and left them when he overheard the South Carolina cops asking about his whereabouts, and he managed to elude local officers until Friday night.

Smith was sitting in a Brevard colored man's residence enjoying the radio program when officers walked in on him, and because he "figgered you'd get me anyway." he made no attempt R. F. Whitmire attended the singing at to run. He was carried back to Green- | Carrs Hill Sunday. ville Saturday, and will be tried there for murder.

Boxing Bouts Friday Interesting Affair

Fast and furious, faint and fol-derol, was the fighting at the Playhouse Friday night in five mixed bouts.

Matthew Allen, black Brevard boy was stopped in the fourth by Smith, also of Brevard; and two more of the Smith boys pawed around for a few rounds to open the show.

Feature bout failed to last out the first round, as McNeely of Lake Toxaway literally pummeled the breath out of Barber of Brevard College. This started off as a whizz, but the collegian couldn't hold his pace, and the bout was over with the fast stepping Toxaway boy still king of all comers

Coot Moore and Boyd Meixell went three rounds to a draw, and showed five or six snakes in one den in a they could each take and give. L. C. rock cliff, but more often, he said, the Wilson of Selica outpointed Campbell of Brevard College in three rounds. Both boys gave and took some stiff denning up" for the winter, and that the frost early last week will drive

OAKLAND NEWS

A few of the state highway men who are stopping at the home of Mrs. Mary Burgess are still here doing a bit of finishing work but the main crew left here Wednesday.

her den on warm days late in the fall, A revival meeting was started Sunday night at Lake Toxaway Baptist church. We did not learn how long it was expected to continue. Rev. W. H. Nicholson is in charge,

Ernest Brown, of Highlands, and Pick Nicholson made a business trip to Enka last week. While there they visited the latter's brother, Cleveland Nicholson, and family.

Mrs. Garvin Ducker and sons, Javan and Elijah, and E. D. Reid spent Friday with Mrs. Reid's sister, Mrs. S. E. Alexander.

I. S. Sanders and W. F. McCall made a business trip to Camp Edisto Fri-

Carr Burgess visited Mr. and Mrs. and positively refuse to eat while kept Ander Chandler Friday night. K. K. Miller Jr. of Lake Toxaway.

risited his grandmother, Mrs. Belzie Nicholson, Friday night. E. A. Reid was in Brevard Saturday

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. McCall were shopping in Brevard Saturday after-

Mrs. Mack Reid was at Lake Toxaway Sunday daughter, Mrs. Emmett Owen, and his return from the war married, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Reid had as dinner guests Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Will Rains, Miss Freda Jane Hall and Miss Beverly Tolley, of Lake Toxaway.

Mrs. Clarence Norton had as callers

Sapphire postoffice, and Mr. Miller's early recollection of "low-landers" was their arrival in covered hacks with Sunday afternoon Mrs. Belzie Nicholbaggage piled high on top. The tourson, Mrs. Maggie Nicholson, Mrs. Violet ists often spent four and five months Rains, Mrs. Pedre Reid, Mrs. Sue Reid at the Miller "hostelry" and enjoyed and Mrs. Jesse Smith, Mrs. S. E. Alexander was a recent the fine trout fishing in Horse Pasture

visitor of her cousin, Mrs. Lee Norton. river nearby. The hotel was constructed of logs and has long since rotted L. C. Sanders, of Lake Toxaway and Brevard, visited his uncle, I. S. Sanders and family Sunday afternoon Mr. Miller received his first trainng in the handling of snakes and Mr. and Mrs. Floyd King visited the mounting of birds and animals from the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Taylor

Lee, recently. Ralph Fisher, of Brevard, called on friends in this section Monday. Nicholson Jr., was out of Grady

tain, and lived there until a few years school Monday on account of illness, but is reported to be better. Henry Alexander, of Sapphire, made a short call at the home of Mrs. Bel-

zie Nicholson Monday morning. Miss Leo Banther, who spent the summer here with Mrs. Fred McNeely has returned to her home at Lake Tox-

wide collection of small animals, birds Rosman Revival Meet Closed Thursday Eve ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

Having qualified as Administrators The revival services held at zion of the Estate of W. E. Head, deceased, Baptist church for the past two weeks late of Transylvania county, North closed Thursday night. A large num-Carolina, this is to notify all persons ber have been added to the church. The baptizing will be held at 2 o'clock having claims against the Estate of next Sunday. The meeting was held by pastor Rev. M. E. Summey, assist-ed by the Rev. Morris Baker, of Cassaid deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at Brevard, North Carolina, on or before the 31st day of August, 1939, or this notice will be pleaded tonia.

BUYING BUTTER During the current period of high outter production and large supplies, the Federal Surplus Commodities Corporation has been authorized to purchase an additional 30 million pounds for relief purposes.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of V. B. Scruggs, deceased, late of Transylvania County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the Estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at Brevard, North Carolina, on or before the 20th day of August, 1939, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

All persons indebted to said Estate will please make immediate payment.

This the 20th day of August, 1988.

B. P. SCRUGGS, Administrator

of Estate of V. B. Scruggs.

ROSMAN NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Morrison, of Rosman, Mrs. Arcena Lyday, Mrs. Carand Grover Glazener, Mr. and Mrs. G. Harkins, Jim Waldrop Mr. and Mrs. G. bet Lyday and children of Fruitland, M. Israel, and daughter, Eva, and son, ton were visitors Sunday at the home bet Lyday and children of Fruitland, M. Israel, and daughter, Eva, and son, Mrs. Betsy Whitaker and Mrs. Gracie Albert, E. W. Israel and Jordan Whit-Ledbetter and son, of Edneyville motored to the old home place of Mrs. Snipes and son Craig, attended the sing-Morrison near the foot of Bear Wallow Mountain in Henderson county Sunday. The party enjoyed a picnic lunch.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Rogers and son, Billy, Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Watkins spent Sunday at Franklin visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Israel, and Mrs.

Mr. and Mrs. Taft Owen and children were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Manly and Mr. and Mrs.

Miss Lenore Swain spent the weekend at her home in Asheville.

Mrs. H. P. Whitmire has returned home from Gastonia, where she spent

several days visiting relatives. C. B. Glazener of St. Petersburg visited friends in Rosman Saturday. Mr. Glazener is a former Rosman resident, being the son of the late Mr. and Mrs

M. J. Glazener. Olin Horn and a party of friends of Ivey, S. C., were Sunday guests of the former's aunt, Mrs. Calvin Galloway. Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Sitton, and Harold Hogsed of Brevard, were dinner guests Friday night of Mr. and Mrs.

R. L. Hogsed. Mrs. L. M. Watkins was called to Hendersonville Monday due to the illness of her daughter, Mrs. Robert Zach-

Mrs. W. H. Arrowood, of Lake Toxaway, visited her daughter, Mrs. Walter Glazener, Monday.

Homer and Vernon Clarke spent Sunday at Wolf Mountain visiting their aunt, Mrs. Everette Smith.
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Morgan and

son, Harry and Mrs. Tom Stroup spent Saturday in Asheville

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Morgan were business visitors to Asheville Monday. Miss Fanny Morgan, R. N., of Jersey City, and Oliver and Wayne Morgan, of Asheville, spent Thursday visiting Mr. and Mrs. Frank Morgan, and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Stroup.

Rev. and Mrs. M. L. Lewis, of Cherryfield, were dinner guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Morgan.

Miss Louise Moore, of Miami, Fla. is spending several days visiting Mrs. M. M. Moore.

Mr. and Mrs. Claud Glazener and son, Jimmy, and E. C. Glazener, were shopping in Greenville Saturday. Miss Marie Moore returned to Asheville Sunday, having spent the past week visiting her mother, Mrs. M. N.

Moore Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Gillespie, Brevard, were Sunday visitors of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Gillespie.

Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Galleway and daughter, Helen, and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Glazener and daughter, Paulette, spent Sunday at Greenville, S. C., visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Doc Crow and children of Salem, were Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Rogers.

Mrs. B. McGee was a visitor Sunday at the home of Mrs. Mary Jackson. Mrs. Emma Hendricks and Mrs. Jane Hendricks were business visitors to

Mrs. Lon Chapman and son, Ralph, Misses Lennie and Bessie Manly were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Moore.

Mr. and Mrs. John Pressley and children, moved the first of the week from Pisgah Forest to the Bagwell store building on Main street.

Dr. and Mrs. Joe E. Osborne were visitors to Fletcher airport Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Orr and

daughter. Diane, of Asheville, were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Whitmire. Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Galloway and

daughter, Helen, were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lee R. Fisher. Mr. and Mrs. Ira Robinson and two children and Fred Green spent Sunday

in Gloucester visiting Mr. and Mrs Walter Fisher. Mrs. Hoyt Blackwell and son Harold.

of Murphy, are spending several days in Gloucester visiting the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Fisher.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Fisher and daughter, Avarie, and son, Ray, spent Sunday at Union county, Ga., visiting Mr. and Mrs. Afton Robinson. Mrs. Robinson is a sister of Mrs. Fisher.

Mrs. S. M. Towns, A. G. Alfred and Fletcher, of near Pickens' were visitors Saturday night of Mrs. Towns son, E1die, and Mrs. Towns. Mrs. L. C. Hall and Miss Ella Mae

Hall were Brevard visitors Sunday. Mrs. Eliza Garren, and Miss Bobby Garren of Asheville, spent the week end visiting Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Pax-

ton and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Stroup.
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Clarke spent
the week-end at Quebec visiting the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ander-

Mr. and Mrs. Will Brown and children, of Walhalla, and C. B. Glazener, of St. Petersburg, Fla., spent Sunday at Frozen Lake, in the Old Toxaway

Mrs. Della Hall and daughter, Mi Ella Mae, of Gloucester, spent the weekend visiting the former's son, L. C. Hall, and Mrs. Hall.

I. W. Wilson, of Robinsville, spent Monday night visiting his dister, Mrs.

Jordan Whitmire. Miss Ophelia White, who recently underwent an operation for appendici-

tis, is recovering nicely and expec to resume her teaching duties at Balsam Grave the latter part of the week.
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas McCadans and daughter, of Townville, S. C., Mrs. Essie Alewine, of Abbeville, S. C., wer week-end guests of Mrs. C. E. Leathers, Mrs. Alervine and Mrs. Leathers are sisters and this was the first meet-

ing in eighteen years.
Mr. and Mrs. Thad Newman arrived Thursday from Richmond, Va., to spend several weeks visiting Mrs. Newman's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lee R. Fisher.

mire, A. M. Paxton, Charlie Gant, Dan

ing at Carrs Hill Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. White and daugher, Jo Anne, of Cherryfield, were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. White. Thad Newman spent the week-end visiting relatives near Tryon.

Mr. and Mrs. Craig Whitmire and daughter, Nelle, and son, Craig, Jr., of Saturday in Greenville, S. C., visiting Canton, visited relatives and friends Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Kelley. here Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Barrett and Children spent Sunday near Salem, Mrs. Ralph Paxton. visiting relatives.

George Ballance, the saw filer for Gloucester Lumber company, left Saturday for Cordele, Ga.
Mr. and Mrs. Mickler Lusk and

Mr. and Mrs. Micker Lusk and adaghter, Nell Jean, and son, Charles children visited Frozen Lak Ray, Casey Owen, and Edith Hall and Mrs. J. W. Owen were visitors to Whiteside Mountain Sunday.

Miss Louise Osteen spent of the control of the control

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Davis of Hendersonville, were Sunday visitors of the former's brother, E. H. Davis, and Mrs. Davis

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Valley Powell a son, Sunday, September 25. Powell is the former Miss Lottle Pearl

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Whitmire were business vistors to Asheville Friday. Rev. Clyde McCall preached at Calvert prison camp Sunday afternoon. A truck load of Lake Toxaway residents

attended. Nathan Chapman returned home Sunday night having spent a week engaged in revival work at Le-

Miss Nellie Volrath, Miss Lelia Aik-

Lake Toxaway Sunday. W. D. Waldrop and R. F. Whitmire attended the directors meeting at Mills home at Thomasville, N. C., Tuesday Mrs. B. B. White and daughter, Miss Ophelia, and son, Boice, were Sunday guests of Mrs. H. P. Whitmire.

Mrs. S. E. Whitmire is spending several days at Pickens, S. C., visiting her daughter, Mrs. Anna Cannon. Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Crow and

children spent the week-end visiting relatives at Flat Shoals, S. C. Loxie and Houston Crow, of Flat Shoals, S. C., spent several days last

week visiting relatives here. Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Brackett and son, Junior, spent the week-end in Polk county, visiting relatives and

Mr. and Mrs. Manning Waldrop and sons, Hovey and Roy, spent the week-end visiting Mr. and Mrs. V. B. Wal-

Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Lunsford spent the week-end at Candler visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Mull, of Brevard, E. D. Randolph and son, Ford, Mr. | Elijah Eubanks, Billie and Johnnie of Mr. and Mrs. V. B. Waldrop.

Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Parson spent the veek-end at Lenoir, visiting relatives. Mr. and Mrs. Winston Ashworth and son, Charles, of Brevard, were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Dun-

Miss Edith Powell is reported quite ill at her home near Rosman.

L. L. Winchester and son Roy, spent

Edward Paxton is reported quite ill at the home of his parents, Mr. and

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Glazener and daughters, Avarie and Vivian, visited Rev. and Mrs. J. K. Henderson in Brevard Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlle Green and children visited Frozen Lake in the

Miss Louise Osteen spent the weekend visiting Miss Elizabeth Sisk. Mr. and Mrs. Leon McCall and son, Junior, of Walhalla, spent the week-

end visiting Mr. and Mrs. Frank Mc-Born to Mr. and Mrs. Blake McCall

a son, Sunday, September 25, at their home in the Pisgah Forest section. Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Moss and two

children spent Sunday at Cherryfield visiting Mr. and Mrs. Frank McCall. Miss Essie Conner is reported quite ill at the home of her parents, Mr. and

Mrs. J. H. Conner.
Mr. and Mrs. Dess Reynolds and children were dinner guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Aiken.

Mrs. Sam Gillespie and daughter, Ruth, Rosa Gillespie, Mr. and Mrs. Ed en, Robert Rains, Marvin and Doy Gillespie and children, of Brevard and Aiken visited Miss Dorene Fisher at Lambert Gillespie were Sunday visitors of Mrs. Martha Gillespie.

Miss Lula Manly, Wilma Hightower, Bernice Stewart, Lawrence Whitmire and Homer Manly spent the week-end at Alto, Ga., visiting Mr. and Mrs. Vasco Manly.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Callaham. and

Mrs. Florence Winchester spent the week-end in Greenville, S. C., visiting Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Callaham. Mrs. Homer Cunningham, of Fletchers, is spending several days this week

visiting relatives in the Cherryfield Mrs. Homer Cunningham, Lula Cassell, Sylvia Huggins attended the singing at Carrs Hill Sunday.

HAYESVILLE PASTOR TO

BE AT CALVERT SUNDAY The Rev. Underwood of Hayesville, will preach at Mt. Moriah Calvert church next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. The public is invited. The Rev. Mr. Underwood has been pastor of the Baptist church at Hayesville for the past eight years.

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