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TWO UNIQUE EXHIBITS

On the same day that T. L. Booth of the Stokes county game reserve, caught and caged a rattlesnake for tourists and visitors to marvel over, a North Winston fruit dealer extracted a tarantula from a bunch of bananas and put it on exhibition in his store.

Strange attractions for trade, especially the unique form of advertising set up by the North Winston banana merchant. Since I heard about it at my Fifth Street newspaper office, I have done all of my trading south of Salem bridge.

There is a vast difference between these two star terrors, though. Both are vicious, both are deadly, and either is a customer no man wants intimate acquaintance with.

There are some things which may be said in the rattlesnake's favor, but of course this is only when you compare him with a tarantula. He is proverbially chivalrous in his affairs, and very discriminating. Before he strikes—and "light is not more swift than his bite"—he invariably warns you by his rattle, that peculiar sound created by the vibration of the ring of shells on his tail, once heard, never forgotten. His favorite haunt is along the cool bank of the mountain stream, where the rhododendron bends and the ivy and honeysuckle lure you with their beauty and fragrance. But when you hear that ominous sound, you remain in that vicinity at your peril. You are within range, and the rattler never misses his aim.

He will observe, too, a kind of "Marquis of Queensbury" rule not to hit you as low down as your shoe, for fear he might dull his fine points on your leather. But he seeks for his fangs the more vulnerable fleshy part of your leg. We are speaking, of course, of men, as women do not so often expose themselves to rattlesnakes along shaded mountain creeks. The rattler is a humane sort of foe, he loves to hit an artery, when following the infusion of his virus in a vital spot, there is not much left for the undertaker to do.

But the tarantula, the huge spider of the tropics, does not give you notice. Lying crouched in a black ball of horror and death, watching from his baleful eyes the approach of any living thing, he springs with terrifically concentrated hate and vengeance. Like lightning fastening his molars in your anatomy, being a coward, he jumps back into the jungle while you check out, not waiting to wrap you up warmly like the rattlesnake.

The rattler is a beautiful creature if one is willing to deliberately study his curves, his wonderful undulations, and his charming evolutions. He is the very poetry of motion, and this fine quality is imparted to you when you undertake to examine him. The color of a rattlesnake's back is as exquisitely traced as the figures on a rare Persian carpet. The color of his eyes has never yet been agreed upon by his admirers.

On the other hand, the tarantula is the most repulsive object that natural science has yet put out. Only Shakespeare could describe the disgusting horror of this animal that looks like a fuzzy crawfish, covered with brown hair. No wonder bananas so often give children the colic. Whatever induced this uncouth, unwelcome visitor to leave Hayti and come to North Carolina, I do not know, unless it was to teach the tradeless merchants some of the elements of advertising. A look at him at close range makes each separate hair to stand on end, like the quills on the fretful porcupine.

And now, in the name of the angels and ministers of grace, why it is that nature has produced such terrors to tantalize the human race, and why in this modern age of refinement and culture should be interested in this last resort of thrills, neither can I satisfactorily account for, nor anybody else for that matter, except on the theory that anything is refreshing to look at after viewing so long this darned depression.

F. E. Nelson Dies.

Floyd E. Nelson, possibly Stokes county's oldest merchant, passed away at his home at Piney Grove, 5 miles north of Danbury, Sunday morning. He had been in bad health for some years, but grew worse last week. Mr. Nelson, who was 81 years of age first engaged in the mercantile business at Meads, N.C., probably 40 years ago, later moving to his present location where he continued in business until his death.

The deceased is survived by his wife; two daughters and four sons, as follows: Mrs. John D. Smith, of Pilot Mountain; Lincoln Smith, of Walnut Cove; Sam Nelson, of Guilford county; W. D., Jonah and Walter Nelson, of Walnut Cove. The deceased was married twice, all the children being born to the first wife.

Interment will be in the cemetery at Piney Grove church near the home of the deceased today at 2:00 o'clock, services being conducted by Elder W. J. Brown and probably other ministers.

LOCAL NEWS ITEMS.

State Highway patrolman Garner brought three Kernersville men before Justice N. A. Martin last week charged with operating a car while intoxicated, and being drunk on the highway. Eugene Hubbard was operating the car and he gave a \$200 bond for appearance at Superior court in Danbury. R. F. Larmore and J. G. Farrington were fined \$5 and the cost. The men were arrested while passing through Walnut Cove.

Mrs. Wm. Z. Shelton, aged about 69 years, passed away at her home near Walnut Cove last week after an illness of some time. The deceased is survived by her husband and several sons and daughters. Interment was in the family burying ground.

Several citizens of this community have been to Richmond county this week and purchased large loads of watermelons and cantaloupes. The quality of the melons seems to be good and the prices reasonable. It is stated by the haulers that the crop in Richmond is not as large as usual and that it is needing rain.

The Danbury Union Sunday School voted unanimously Sunday morning to hold their annual picnic at Crystal Lake, near Winston-Salem. The Baptist Sunday School here has been invited to accompany the Union school and it is learned that they will accept the invitation.

Rev. John D. Smith, of Pilot Mt., was here yesterday and qualified as administrator upon the estate of the late Floyd E. Nelson. Mr. Smith is a son-in-law of the deceased. He was accompanied here by W. D. Nelson, of Walnut Cove, who is a son of Mr. Nelson.

The revival which has just closed at Hills Chapel, near Pilot Mt., resulted in nine additions to the church. The meetings were conducted by Revs. J. D. Smith, of Pilot Mt., and Mr. Marshall, of Danbury, Presbyterian churches.

Dr. and Mrs. R. H. Morefield left Monday for a visit with relatives near Baltimore. They were accompanied by little Joe, their adopted son.

Attorney Foster, of Kernersville, was at the county seat here this week attending to professional matters.

MOTORISTS For Special Sunday Dinner

Fried Chicken, Ham, Sandwiches, Coffee, Vegetables, Etc.

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Danbury M. E. Church

ELLSWORTH HARTSFIELD, Pastor.

1st Sunday—Bethesda, 11 a. m.; Forest Chapel, 3 p. m.; Pine Hall, 7 p. m.

2nd Sunday—Davis' Chapel 11 a. m.; Wade Mecum, 3 p. m.; Danbury, 7:15 p. m.

3rd Sunday—Pine Hall, 11 a. m.; Forest Chapel, 3 p. m.

4th Sunday—Danbury, 11 a. m. Davis Chapel, 7 p. m.

5th Sunday—Eleven o'clock services distributed among the several churches. Watch for special announcements.

Sunday Schools at the churches. 10 a. m. Epworth Leagues at Pine Hall and Bethesda. Missionary societies at Pine Hall and Danbury. Union

Proper Foods Aid Children's Future



How well is your child? Child health authorities tell us that children's futures depend to a great extent on foods, especially those foods which they eat during the active periods of their growth. This is why mother's big problem concerns itself with the right combination and the proper quantities of food for her children. This is also why child specialists discourage the use of food which tends to overstimulate the nervous systems of children. These experts have found that young folks are sufficiently active and energetic normally without having their nervous system subjected to artificial stimulus. Many states have started campaigns against the practice of giving tea and coffee to children. Tea and coffee, because they are stimulating and not nutritious, are unsuitable for children. Pediatric physicians agree that a quart of milk a day is essential for growing youngsters. As you know, hot or cold milk, may be taken in a cereal beverage and sweetened to taste. These physicians further advise that children drink

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